

Status note on Rajiv Awas Yojana

The Government has announced a new scheme called Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for the slum dwellers and the urban poor. This scheme aims at providing Central support to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers. The Government's effort would be to create a Slum-free India through the implementation of RAY.

Progress on RAY:

- After the announcement by Hon'ble President, this Ministry prepared a Concept Note, which was circulated to Planning Commission on 6th August, 2009.
- The Planning Commission gave its in-principle approval to the concept note and various consultations were held with Experts, Civil Society Representatives, Members of Technical Advisory Group, City Commissioners, State Secretaries, Central Ministries and Departments, Financial Institutions, representatives of the construction industries etc. Based on the consultations the draft guidelines were circulated to Planning Commission, Central Ministries and States for their comments on 27th October, 2009.
- Comments and suggestions have been received from Planning Commission, Central Ministries and State Governments on the draft Guidelines. Based on these Comments and feedback from various quarters, a draft Rajiv Awas Yojana (Slum-free India Mission) scheme was prepared. An independent critical appraisal of the draft scheme has been done by an expert group constituted under the chairmanship of Sh. Deepak Parekh. Recommendations have been submitted by the Deepak Parekh committee to the ministry. Based on these recommendations and further consultations with various ministries, the guidelines were formulated and considered by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) on 27.10.2010. On the basis of the recommendations of the EFC, the Minister is in the process of moving the Cabinet for the approval and the draft Cabinet Note has been circulated for inter-ministerial consultation on 31-12-2010.
- In the meantime the preparatory phase of Rajiv Awas Yojana has already commenced under Slum-free City Planning Scheme from March 2010 and States are being assisted to draw up their Slum-free Plans of Action to proceed towards the goal of Slum-free Cities/States in a systematic and time bound manner. Under the Scheme, a sum of Rs. 60 Crore has been released to 20 States for preparing Slum free City Plans during 2009-10.

- Detailed guidelines have been issued for Slum Free City Planning under RAY and are available at https://jnnurmmis.nic.in/jnnurm_hupa/jnnurm/RAY%20Guidelines-%20English.pdf. A budget of Rs1,270 Crore has been allocated for the year 2010-11 for the scheme.
- M/o HUPA has selected 30 cities across 16 states for initiating the 'National Slum Free City Campaign' and the ministry is working closely with the concerned state governments / ULBs to design and implement model pilot initiatives.
