

RAJIV AWAS YOJANA (RAY)

Rajiv Awas Yojana aimed at making cities slum free envisages addressing the problems of the slum dwellers and the urban poor in a definitive and holistic way. The constituents of RAY which entail slum upgradation, redevelopment, rehabilitation and creation of new housing stock also lays emphasis on the need for planning of a 'whole city' approach. A scheme to support the preparation of State Plans of Action for slum free cities called "Rajiv Awas Yojana: Slum Free City Planning" has been approved with a budget of Rs. 120 crores and detailed guidelines for this exercise issued.

The main scheme to support slum freeness was prepared in consultation with all the concerned stakeholders and representatives of State Governments and submitted for critical appraisal to a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Shri Deepak Parekh. The Committee has submitted its recommendations and the scheme has been redrafted to take account of them.