

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 Rajiv Awas Yojana:

- 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 etc and 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 and 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 and circulated to an Expert Committee constituted for formulation of Rajiv Awas Yojana and make suggestions on strategies, funding pattern and other features of the scheme. The Committee has submitted its report on 26.4.2010 and it is under examination.
- A scheme for preparatory activities of the Scheme have been approved with a budget of Rs. 120 Crore. Rs. 60 Crore have been approved for the States in 2009-10 for undertaking preparatory activities. Detailed guidelines have been issued in this regard and are available at https://jnnurmmis.nic.in/jnnurm_hupa/jnnurm/RAY%20Guidelines-%20English.pdf. A Budget of Rs. 1270 Crore has been allocated for the year 2010-11 for the scheme.
