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Dear sir,

As you may be aware that Ministry of Urban Development has announced the results of Round 1 of Smart Cities Mission on 28.01.2016 in which top 20 cities have been selected to be taken up for development as Smart Cities in this Financial Year 2015-16.

2. In order to spread the message of urban transformation in all parts of the country and to provide an opportunity to all the States/UTs to upgrade their proposals, a special fast-track has been provided to Cities located in 23 States/UTs in which none of the potential smart cities were able to come in the list of top 20 cities. While evaluating the proposals of these 23 cities, the Panel of Experts have made some observations about how improvements can be made in each proposal. You are advised to keep these observations in mind while revising your proposals. The revised proposals will be evaluated again by the Panel of Experts and those which achieve the benchmark set by the winning cities after evaluation by Panel of Experts, will become eligible for funding on accelerated basis in Round 2 (2016-17). A copy of the specific observations of the Panel of Experts in the SCP of Panaji is attached.

3. As the suggestions made by the Panel of Experts are extremely useful for improving and revising the proposals, it is requested that the SCPs are revised keeping in view the comments of the Panel and submitted to the Ministry of Urban Development by 15th April, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: - As above


(Munish Kumar Garg)

Shri Parimal Rai
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Panaji SCP Observatories

CITY LEVEL CRITERIA

- While the proposal provides information on various service aspects, it would be useful to provide quantified service indicators wherever possible. The issues or levels of service related to transport for instance are not well defined.
- The overall flow of the initial sections and linkage with strategies and vision is clear. Not much work needed in this section.

AREA BASED DEVELOPMENT

- A large number of the interventions are in the nature of urban design or beautification interventions. While this will no doubt benefit the area given the tourism potential, its specific relevance under 'smart city' plan has not been adequately justified. It is recommended that the linkage of such interventions with sustainability and economic development be explored and elaborated more strongly in the proposal.
- Several of these beautification interventions are also heavily dependent on completion of one or more infrastructure projects (as mentioned in annexure 3). Given that these interventions form the backbone of the entire proposal, this is probably an area of high risk.
- Annexure 3 does not provide adequate spatial detailing (at least conceptual plans) of interventions such as integrated urban water management (including waste water and storm water), basic infrastructure and pedestrianization of certain sections.
- Although improvements in physical environments of potentially tourist places in the vicinity of urban poor localities (mala lake area) can be expected to indirectly benefit the urban poor too, the linkage is quite weak. This aspect of inclusiveness will need to be strengthened.
- In the sections on convergence, only details of works being undertaken under other missions has been stated. No details are available for the actual components to be undertaken through SCM for water supply, sewerage etc. Since substantial funds under SCM are earmarked to improve these same services, these details are critical to understand the specific value proposed to be added to the outcomes of the other missions.

PAN CITY SOLUTIONS

- While the transport system package is well thought through, the municipal services package attempts to fit in various services in a piecemeal manner. While the SWM sub-component is relatively better worked out, components such as water meters and power grid seem loose and not integrated into the overall package.
- The second package may therefore be revised so as to strengthen interlinkages within the sub-components or else the city may consider focusing only on SWM in far more detail and improve coverage of SWM aspects if needed.