

Status of Urban Local Bodies Reforms and Optional Reforms – As on 04.04.2013

S.No.	Name of the Reform Item	Progress	Implementation Status
L-1	E-Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A web portal called www.jkhudd.gov.in providing platform to all 84 Municipal Bodies of Jammu & Kashmir has been made operational. The portal provides facilities for the citizens and for office use. Besides Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Jammu Municipal Corporation have their own websites- smcsite.org and jmc.nic.in respectively. <p>Citizen Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All the Municipal Bodies (Municipal Corporations) are linked with this portal. The following three services are functional and operational online for the citizens: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online Birth Certificate 2. Online Building Permission Status* 3. Online Public Grievance <p>Departmental Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The website is a platform offering the following services for use by the Municipalities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birth & Death Registration. 2. Building Permission System 3. Public Grievance Monitoring 4. Double Entry Accounting System 5. Court Case Monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For employee usage, following services are being offered: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ULB Configuration 2. Establishment (Payroll/GPF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e-Tendering initiatives have been taken under G2B services. ▪ All the applications are web based and can be accessed online. 	<p>- Achieved</p>

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L-2	Municipal Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The J&K Municipal Accounting Manual based on Double Entry System of accounting has been prepared and notified for adoption by all the ULBs of the State vide Government Order No. 189- HUD of 2011 dated 08.08.2011. ▪ Notifications have been issued for migration to the Double Entry System. ▪ The Jammu Municipal Corporation and the Srinagar Municipal Corporation are maintaining their accounts as per the manual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved
L-3	Property Tax	<p>Simplification of property tax provision and methodology was proposed in the Municipal Laws (2nd Amendment) Bill 2011 which has been passed by the State Legislative Assembly but referred to the Joint Select Committee by the Legislative Council. However, <u>draft J&K Municipal Corporation Property Tax Rules and J&K Municipal Property Tax Rules, based on the existing provisions, have been prepared and submitted for approval.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Property Tax is under active consideration of State Govt.
L-4	User Charges: Levy of reasonable User charges by ULBs/ Parastatals with the objective to recover at least 50% of operation and maintenance charges initially.	<p>The Srinagar / Jammu Municipal Corporation and Municipal Councils / Committees have issued Orders for charging Rs. 100/, Rs. 50/ and Rs 30 p.m. per household for sanitation and garbage lifting and disposal locality wise. The PHE Department is separately charging for the water supply”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being implemented by Municipal Bodies of J&K ▪ Achieved

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L-5	Internal earmarking of funds for services to Urban Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vide Government Order No. 188-HUD of 2010 dated 23-06-2010, all the ULBs have been directed to earmark 20% of the total resources, including plan funds, financial devolution and resources raised by way of collection of taxes, fee etc. for providing infrastructure and basic amenities to the urban poor. It has further been ordered that 20% of funds be earmarked and shall be pooled into a separate budget head called “Services to the Urban Poor”. The Finance Department has also allotted corresponding Budget Sub-Heads in respect of this. ▪ For providing legislative backing to the above issue, The Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2011 has been passed by the State Legislature wherein it has been mentioned a minimum of 25% of funds out of development funds after reducing expenditure on establishment etc. within the budget of Municipality shall be earmarked and used for providing basic services to the urban poor, including inhabitants of slum areas on a yearly basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved
L-6	Provision of Basic Services to Urban Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vide Government Order No. 188-HUD of 2010 dated 23.6.2010, (all the ULBs have been directed to earmark 20% of the total resources available with these bodies for providing Basic Services to Urban Poor for bridging the deficit in the services such as Sanitation, Solid Waste Management, and Collection, Sewerage and Drainage, based on the Position obtaining on ground that has emerged after detailed survey. ▪ Service Level Benchmarks for services like Solid Waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is being implemented by Municipal Bodies of J&K ▪ Achieved

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		Management, Water Supply, and Drainage have been worked out by the Municipal Bodies, which will be notified shortly.	
Status of Optional Reforms			
S.No.	Name of the Reform Item	Progress	Implementation Status
O-1	Introduction of Property Title Certification System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Property Titling Certification Legislation is under preparation by the Revenue Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is to be implemented by Revenue Department.
O-2	Revision of Building Byelaws to streamline the approval process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Srinagar / Jammu Municipal Corporation have prepared comprehensive Building Bye-Laws and have been notified. ▪ These Bye-laws are based on the model Bye-laws circulated by the Ministry of Urban Development. ▪ The procedure contained in the Bye-Laws are much simpler and citizen friendly, whereas Building Bye-Laws for other Municipal bodies are being notified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved
O-3	Revision of Building Byelaws to make Rain Water Harvesting Mandatory in all buildings to come up in future and for adoption of Water Conservation measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Building Bye-Laws already notified contain the mandatory provision for water harvesting and water conservation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved
O-4	Earmarking at least 20-25 percent of developed land in all Housing Projects (Both	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Government Order No. 192-HUD of 1991 dated 12.09.1991 has been issued by the State Government that mandates allotment of plots / apartments of the different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved

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	Public and Private Agencies) for EWS/LIG category with a system of cross subsidization.	<p>sizes to the Economically Weaker Sections of the society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Also, The Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2011 has been passed by the State Assembly which envisaged Earmarking at least 25 per cent of developed land in all housing projects. However, the Legislative Council has referred Bill to the Joint Select Committee. ▪ Moreover, The Jammu & Kashmir Development (Amendment) Act, 2011 has also been passed by the State Legislature for providing legislative backing to the reform. 	
O-5	Simplification of Legal and procedural frameworks for conversion of Agricultural Land for Non-Agricultural Purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With a view to preserve Agricultural Land for posterity, the State Government, has not committed for this reform. However, a bill has been drafted for non-conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural purposes is under examination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not Committed
O-6	Introduction of Computerized process of registration of Land and property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <u>State Finance Department</u> is working on the modalities to implement this reform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under progress
O-7	Bye laws on reuse of recycled water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Building Bye-Laws already notified contain the mandatory provision for water harvesting and water conservation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved
O-8	Administrative Reforms: I.e. reduction in establishment by		

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	bringing out Voluntary Retirement Scheme, non-filling up of posts falling vacant due to retirement etc. and achieving specified milestones in this regard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each Urban Local Body, in the State of Jammu and Kashmir has a separate cadre. ▪ Information regarding the Municipal Cadre in Jammu & Kashmir State stands submitted to the Ministry of Urban Development, GoI vide Letter No. CEO/SUIDA/437/2012/386 dated 20.06.2012. But the acceptance from MoUD, GoI is still awaited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved ▪ Achieved
O-9	Structural Reforms: I.e. Initiative for organizational structural improvements, creation of Municipal Staff within the State and inter institutional structural reforms.		
O-10	Encouraging Public Private Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Government of Jammu and Kashmir vide Govt. Order 331-GAD of 2013; dated 26.02.2013 has re-constituted a Committee for Public Private Partnership Projects (PPP) in J&K. ▪ Pursuant to this the Urban Development Department has identified four projects to be undertaken on PPP mode. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Achieved