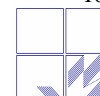


18. STATUS OF URBAN REFORMS

A.	Mandatory Reforms	
1.	Urban Local Body Reforms (at ULB level)	
i.	Adoption of modern, accrual-based double entry system of accounting in Urban Local Bodies	i.
		To maintain transparency in finance department, double entry system has been adopted due to which making of income/ expenditure statement and balance sheet preparation has become easy. But rules to introduce accrual based double entry system have not changed. Currently software being used is "Tally". At present KNN is only doing cash accounting. KNN has the system in place only need is to switch over to accrual based accounting. It is suggested that KNN should prepare itself to shift over to accrual based accounting from the next financial year i.e. from 01.04.2007.
ii.	Introduction of system of e-governance using IT applications like GIS and MIS for various services provided by ULBs	ii.
		KNN has initiated action to have own website shortly. Under URIF Yojana computer works have been proposed.
iii.	Reform of property tax with GIS, so that it becomes major source of revenue for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and arrangements for its effective implementation so that collection efficiency reaches at least 85% within the mission period.	iii.
		Under GIS, marking of left over houses and including them under zonal regulation has already started. Under URIF scheme, adding covered area and up-gradation in existing G.I.S. map has been proposed. KNN has already initiated action for complete GIS with collection of required data of all the properties. Selection of competent firm for this work has been done and recommendations have been sent to competent authority for approval.
iv.	Levy of reasonable user charges by ULBs/ Parastatals with the objective that full cost of operation and maintenance is collected within the mission period. However, cities/ towns in North East and other special category states may recover at least 50% of operation and maintenance charges initially. These cities / towns should graduate to full O&M cost recovery in a phased manner.	iv.
		To use the nagar nigam facilities, process has started for fixing the user charges under section 541 (42) and has been sent for gazette notification. The heads are: parking, green belt land use, picking up of garbage in residential and non-residential areas, community toilets of higher category, using the land for generators, usage of recreation/ green areas, other type of land uses etc.



v.	Internal earmarking within local body budgets for basic services to the urban poor.	v.	With the help of DUDA, KNN will earmark such provision in revised budget for 2006-07.
vi.	Provision of basic services to urban poor including security of tenure at affordable prices, improved housing, water supply, sanitation and ensuring delivery of other already existing universal services of the government for education, health and social security.	vi.	With the support of KDA and DUDA, necessary arrangements will be made during 2006-07 financial year
2. State Level Reforms			
i.	Implementation of decentralization measures as envisaged in Seventy Fourth Constitutional Amendment. States should ensure meaningful association / engagement of ULBs in planning function of Parastatals as well as delivery of services to the citizens.	i.	This is under consideration of the State Government
ii.	Rationalization of Stamp Duty to bring it down to no more than 5% within the mission period	ii.	This is under consideration of the State Government
iii.	Enactment of Public Disclosure law to ensure preparation of medium-term fiscal plan of ULBs release of quarterly performance information to all stakeholders.		This is under consideration of the State Government
iv.	Enactment of community participation law to institutionalize citizen participation and introducing the concept of the Area Sabha in urban areas	iii.	This is under consideration of the State Government
v.	Assigning or associating elected ULBs into “city planning function” over a period of five years; transferring all special agencies that deliver civic services in urban areas and creating accountability platforms for all urban civic service providers in transition.	iv.	This is under consideration of the State Government
B. Optional Reforms			
i.	Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act.	i.	GOUP has adopted the Urban Land (ceiling and regulation) Repeal Act, 1999 on 18.3.1999 vide GO No. 502/9-No. BHU 099/216 UC / 90 TC dated 31 March, 1999.



ii.	Amendment of Rent Control Laws balancing the interest of landlords and tenants.	ii.	Necessary reform for balancing the interests of landlords and tenants was made in Uttar Pradesh Urban Building (Regulation of letting, Rent and Eviction) Act, 1972 by UP Act 17 of 1999
iii.	Revision of bye -laws to streamline the approval process for construction of buildings, development of sites, etc.	iii.	This has to be done by Kanpur Development Authority at the city level.
iv.	Simplification of legal and procedural frameworks for conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.	iv.	This is under consideration of Kanpur Development Authority.
v.	Introduction of Property Title Certification System in ULBs.	v.	This is under consideration of the State Government
vi.	Earmarking at least 20-25% of developed land in all housing projects (both Public and Private Agencies) for EWS/LIG category with a system of cross subsidization.	vi.	This is under consideration of Kanpur Development Authority
vii.	Introduction of computerized process of registration of land and property.	vii.	This is under consideration of the Kanpur Development Authority
viii.	Revision of bye -laws to make rain water harvesting mandatory in all buildings to come up in future and for adoption of water conservation measures.	viii.	This has to be done by different departments.
ix.	Bye-laws on reuse of recycled water.	ix.	This is under consideration of the State Government
x.	Administrative reforms, i.e., reduction in establishment by bringing out voluntary retirement schemes, non-filling up of posts falling vacant due to retirement, etc., and achieving specified milestones in this regard.	x.	This is under consideration of the State Government
xi.	Structural reforms	xi.	This is under consideration of the State Government
xii.	Encouraging Public-Private partnership	xii.	This is under consideration of the State Government

