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Dear

I am writing to you in connection with the conduct of survey of Slums, BPL Households, and Livelihoods of the Urban Poor in the cities identified under JNNURM (BSUP) and other cities/towns covered under IHSDP (in a phased manner).

2. As you are aware, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing various programmes like JNNURM and SJSRY to address the concerns of housing, basic amenities, employment and skill development of the urban poor, with focus on slum dwellers. Recognising the need for development of a national information system on the subjects, the Ministry has launched a new scheme called Urban Statistics for HR & Assessments (USHA). This scheme, implemented by National Buildings Organization (NBO), focuses on national, state and city level data and knowledge base for the purpose of planning, policy-making, project formulation, implementation, monitoring and review, especially in the areas of slum development, provision of basic services to the poor, and affordable housing. The scheme intends to support State Governments in their 'own' activities relating to surveys and appropriate data base building.

3. You will appreciate that the launching of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has led to a realization that the data base for preparing meaningful City Development Plans and Detailed Project Reports following from them is grossly inadequate. Similarly, in the context of the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), it is seen that in the absence of BPL and skill needs assessment surveys, proper targeting of the urban poor under capacity building and training programmes remains a key issue. In view of this, the Ministry has decided to provide part financial support to the State Governments/Urban Local Bodies for the development of slums, urban poverty and livelihoods profiles based on socio-economic surveys. Grants to State Governments / UT Administrations for the development of these profiles will be provided at the following scales:

- Rs.10 lakhs per city for cities with population more than 4 million,
- Rs. 7 lakhs per city with population between 1 and 4 million,
- Rs.5 lakhs per city for cities with population between 5 lakh and 1 million,
- Rs.3 lakhs per city for cities with population between 1 lakh and 5 lakhs and
- Rs.2 lakhs per city for cities with population less than 1 lakh


Additional requirements of funds as needed will have to be met by State Governments/Urban Local Bodies which have been undertaking various poverty related surveys from time to time.

4. To start with, it is proposed to cover the 63 cities identified under the Sub-mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor. Action has already been taken to release funds to your State. For the cities/towns covered under IHSDP/other major cities which are potential candidates for coverage under IHSDP, funds will be released based on proposals and cities/towns will be covered in a phased manner. Your Government may prioritize the cities/towns to be covered this year and send proposals for release of funds accordingly.

5. A copy of the Guidelines for preparation of Slum Profile, Poverty Profile and Livelihoods Profile in cities/towns is enclosed herewith for ready reference. For clarification and further communication, you may please ask the concerned officer to be in touch with Shri D.S.Negi, OSD (JNNURM) & Director (NBO), Tel: 011-23061692, Fax: 011-23061683/23061542.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Encl: As above