Smart City
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Smart Cities Mission
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

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Subject: Concept of Sister Cities to speed-up implementation of SCM in Laggard Cities

Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25 June 2015 with the aim of improving ease of living, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and climate resilience in India's cities and towns. 100 Smart Cities selected in four different rounds of National competition have identified 5151 projects worth Rs. 2,05,018 crore to be undertaken under Smart Cities Mission. Out of these projects, towards the end of January 2020, tentatively, 80% of the SCM projects have been tendered and 60% of the SCM projects grounded/completed.

2. While pace of implementation of projects is outstanding in some of the Smart Cities, progress of projects is continually below average in a few Cities. As discussed during the brainstorming sessions and Open House discussions held during the Third National Apex Conference of CEOs of Smart Cities held on 24-25 January 2020 at Visakhapatnam, concept of Sister Cities is hereby introduced to enhance the performance across all cities in the Mission. In this concept, the Top 20 ranked smart cities will support the Last 20 cities in their mission performance as Sister Cities. The following are proposed as key features of the Sister Cities concept:

- Irrespective of their Smart Cities ranks of their rounds of selection, both cities will be called as "Sister Cities". 20 cities each from the top ranks and the last will be paired as Sister Cities.
- These Sister Cities will undertake a 100 day challenge from the day of its announcement to enhance the ranks and performance of the Bottom 20 cities.
- The Sister Cities will have a joint meeting once every 30 days, preferably through a video conference.
- At least once in the 100 days, the teams of Sister Cities would visit the city and understand the Smart Cities projects under implementation/ completion. The host city will facilitate the visit from its O&M expenses.

- The Sister Cities will provide access or share the Technical/ Financial studies (DPRs, Feasibility Reports, Impact assessment reports etc.) amongst each other.
- The progress review meeting, conducted by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will be done jointly for the Sister Cities.
- Post the 100 day challenge, the list of Sister Cities may be revised.

3. The matching of Bottom 20 Cities with the Top 20 cities shall be as under:

Bottom 20	City	Sister City	Top 20
80	Diu	Visakhapatnam	9
81	Chandigarh	Ahmedabad	1
82	Aizawl	Bhopal	5
83	Atal Nagar	Amravati	20
84	Amritsar	Varanasi	14
85	Bareilly	Davanagere	15
86	Karimnagar	Kanpur	7
87	Silvassa	Tirrupur	3
88	Dharamshala	Pune	17
89	Itanagar	Udaipur	18
90	Guwahati	Indore	8
91	Saharanpur	Surat	6
92	Shimla	Ranchi	4
93	Pasighat	Kota	16
94	Kavaratti	Vellore	10
95	Jammu	Nashik	12
96	Port Blair	Nagpur	2
97	Puducherry	Agra	13
98	Moradabad	Vadodara	11
99	Shillong	Dehradun	19

4. The aforesaid pairs of Sister cities shall enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), annexed with this Advisory, before 20th February 2020, to ensure expeditious execution of the line of action suggested at para 2 above and report compliance to the Mission Directorate.

Annexure

Sister Cities

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made in .....(City) on

..... Day of ..... 2020 between-

..... Smart City Limited, address at ....., which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and assigns, unless repugnant to the context or meaning), acting through its Chief Executive Officer, of the first part

And

..... Smart City Limited, address at ..... which expression will include its successors and permitted assigns, unless repugnant to the context or meaning), acting through its Chief Executive Officer, of the second part.

The above entities are referred to as the "PARTY" individually or "PARTIES" collectively, as the context may demand. Both Parties will hereafter be referred as "Sister Cities". A reference to a Party includes a reference to that Party's executor, administrator, heirs, successors, permitted assigns, guardian, and trustee in bankruptcy; all of whom, respectively, are bound by the provisions of this MoU.

1. PURPOSE

The Parties are entering into this MoU to support each other in implementation of the Smart Cities Mission projects as per the scope of this MoU.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION:

- Sister Cities will undertake a 100-day challenge from the day of signing of this MoU to enhance their ranking and performance under the Smart Cities Mission.
- Sister Cities shall undertake a joint meeting once every 30 days, preferably through a video conference.

- At least once in the 100 days period from the date of signing this MoU, the teams of Sister Cities would visit the city and understand the Smart Cities projects under implementation/ completion.
- The Sister Cities will provide access to or share the Technical/ Financial studies (DPRs, Feasibility Reports, Impact assessment reports etc.) with each other.
- The progress review meeting, conducted by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will be done jointly for the Sister Cities.

DURATION

This MoU shall be valid for a period of One year from Effective Date. The Parties may further extend the MoU, with mutual written consent, in order to ensure continued collaboration in the light of changing trends and environment.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

Both Parties shall be responsible for meeting their own expenses in connection with all matters related to MoU. In case of programs that is newly co-designed by both of the Parties, resource deployment and mobilization will be planned respectively by both the Parties at their own cost.

AMENDMENTS

Both the parties may, if the need so arise in the interest of the collaboration, suitably modify the MoU through mutual agreement in writing. No alterations, additions, extension or modification hereto shall be valid and binding unless the same are agreed in writing and signed by both the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MoU by their duly authorized representatives.

CEO ..... Smart City Limited	CEO ..... Smart City Limited