

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

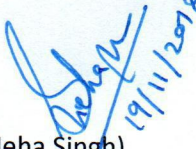
The undersigned is directed to refer to the communication dated 11th July 2018 (D.O. Letter No. K-15016/38/2018-SC-I) sent from Smart Cities Mission Director addressed to State Mission Directors (Smart Cities) with copy to you conveying that Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has engaged National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) as the implementation agency for the 'Program to fund Smart City Projects through a Challenge Process' launched by Hon'ble Minister, MoHUA on 9th July 2018. This program is supported by French Development Agency (AFD) with funding from the European Union (EU).

2. It was encouraging to see the interest shown by the Smart City SPVs during the CITIIS Preparatory Workshop during September 2018. With the continuous support provided by PMU at NIUA, the cities must be aware of the financial and technical support offerings available as part of CITIIS (City Investments To Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) program. In addition to this, queries related to CITIIS Challenge application requirements and eligibility criteria are being continuously addressed by MoHUA and PMU at NIUA.

3. To support the endeavors of Smart City SPVs for a winning project application proposal, MoHUA has extended the CITIIS Challenge project application deadline until 30th November 2018 and would like to hear from you all about the preparations underway. And also, some Smart City SPVs were keen on sharing the project ideas with PMU at NIUA to take the feedback before starting with project application on CITIIS Challenge portal. To facilitate this, a series of video conference calls are being planned by the MoHUA with PMU at NIUA and AFD's support. In addition, a form has been provided on the SmartNet portal at http://smartnet.niua.org/citiis/handholding_sessions.php. The form may be filled up as soon as possible, **preferably by 4:00 PM 21st November 2018** for designing the interaction sessions. This would be final round of handholding support by the MoHUA to Smart City SPVs to ensure better quality of project proposals.

5. Additionally, a number of Smart City SPVs have requested to share the terms and conditions of repayment of the loan amount. In this regard, a letter received from AFD conveying the loan terms and condition is enclosed with the OM for your perusal.

encl.: as above


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To,
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