

Frequently Asked Question's (FAQ's) during Regional Conferences on Preparation of SLIPs/ SAAPs

1. What is the deadline for SLIP submission?

- A. The SLIPs would be aggregated into State Annual Action Plan (SAAP). The Central Assistance would be released after approval of SAAP by the Apex Committee. Therefore, States/UTs need to submit the SAAP expeditiously to enable timely release of funds.

2. Will each ULB get upto 2.5 % of annual allocation for development of green spaces?

- A. Every SLIP has component for development of one park per year (Section 5.1 of guidelines). The total expenditure on these projects will not exceed 2.5% of the SAAP. The Central Assistance available for this component is 50 percent of the project cost. (Para 5.1, Sl No 6)

3. Is allocation under AMRUT is 100 Crores per city?

- A. No. The Mission does not envisage MoUD allocating funds on per city basis. City wise allocation has to be done by the States. (Para 7.2)

4. What is the fund allocated for each city?

- A. The States will allocate the funds among cities. The para 7.2 of guidelines, presents the method for inter-city allocation by States.

5. In what format the ULB should submit the SLIP to state? (hardcopy/online)

- A. Signed hard copy, which is a printed copy of the online SLIP.

6. Can the ULB hire consultant for the SLIP preparation?

- A. The MoUD has simplified the process for SLIP preparation and is also hand-holding the cities. It is for States/ ULBs to decide on hiring the services of a consultant.

7. What is the purpose of 25 lakhs to be released to ULBs?

- A. It is an advance for preparation of SLIP/ SAAP (section 9.1 of guidelines).

8. Is there any limit to the project cost for each sector that the ULBs will propose for SLIP?

- A. No, but the states/ ULBs has to give consideration to the National Priorities of the Mission and the Guidelines. It is universal coverage water and sewerage (Para 5.1, 6.5 and 6.6).

9. Whether MoUD, GOI would also hand hold state to prepare SAAP?

- A. MoUD is also initiating preparation of SAAP online and also linking Master SLIP of each ULB to SAAP. MOUD representatives will provide handholding.

10. What is the fate of UMCs established under CCBP?

- A. To be discontinued.

11. Will Ministry release any toolkit for Capacity Building?

- A. The strategy and plan of action are part of Toolkit.

12. How ULB will share 30% in AMRUT? It is very difficult of ULBs which are depended on States.

- A. The contribution of State Govt is minimum 20%. There is no upper limit on State share in SAAP. The States / ULBs may decide in accordance with para 7.4 and 7.5 of guidelines.

13. Is it compulsory for each city to prepare SLIP for all five sectors?

- A. Preferably SLIP for all sectors has to be prepared, however for FY 2015-16, SLIPs may be prepared for sectors where funding is being sought.

14. Is SLIP to be prepared every year?

- A. Yes. SLIPs to be prepared every year as this will form basis for the SAAP every year.

15. Are the parastatal organizations of states to be involved in the process of SLIP preparation?

- A. Please see Clause 8.1 of AMRUT guidelines for execution of any projects by parastatal agencies.

16. What is the definition and formulas to work out Service Level Indicators as proposed in SLIP ?

- A. Definitions and formulas of Service level Indicators is as prescribed in "Handbook on Service Level Benchmark" issued by MoUD. It is available at http://moud.gov.in/sites/upload_files/moud/files/pdf/Handbook.pdf

- 17. Is it mandatory for state to provide information in SAAP about all indicators as mentioned in Table 3.5 of guidelines?**
- A. No, but information related to indicators for "universal coverage of water and sewerage" has to be provided.
- 18. How the projects from different ULBs will be priorities in SAAP? Any template / process for prioritization of project while preparing SAAP?**
- A. The para 7.2 of AMRUT guidelines indicates principles of prioritization of projects. The details on how to prioritize the project and a template of SAAP has been posted on AMRUT website.
- 19. What shall be the general order of prioritization of projects in water and sewerage sector?**
- A. Universal coverage of water supply shall be given top priority. Next will be universal coverage of sewerage connection to all households.
- 20. How should replacement of pipes be decided in identifying the activities?**
- A. Replacement of pipe line shall be considered only if it leads to NRW reduction in case of water supply and improvement in collection efficiency in case of sewerage.
- 21. How to check the consistency of SLIP prepared by Cities?**
- A. Some of the major checks to be applied while analyzing the SLIPs are as follows.
- 1** Check the data in the tables and text in the templates for consistency.
 - 2** Check the data at Table 1.1 of 'Coverage of water supply connections' with Table 1.2 'Zone Wise Coverage of Households'. The ratio of 'Households with Water tap Connection' to 'Total No of Households' shall be consistent with the 'Coverage of water supply connections'.
 - 3** The ratio of 'Street length with water distribution pipe line' to 'Total Street length' shall have consistency with ratio of 'Households with Water tap Connection' to 'Total No of Households', though not necessarily be same. The reason for variation shall be analyzed and described.
 - 4** The data at table 1.5 'Demand gap assessment' shall be consistent with Table 1.2 and Table 1.3.
 - 5** The identified objective shall be consistent with the gap assessment.
 - 6** The population, total no of households and total street length considered in Water supply Template and Sewerage template shall be same.

22. Is separate budget for city mission management units and state mission management shall be provided?

A. No, Please refer O&M dated 18 August 2015 which states that expenditure incurred under this shall be met from State a&O E fund.

23. Is there a model SAAP?

A. No, however the SAAP prepared by Rajasthan and other States has been circulated for reference.

24. Can the incentive for Reforms be extended to ULBs other than AMRUT cities?

A. The AMRUT Mission focuses on 500 target cities/ULBs. 10% of the annual budget allocation shall be kept apart and given to the States/UTs every year as incentive for achievement of Reforms. The reforms achievement will be a result of the joint efforts of Mission ULBs/State Government. The Guidelines of the Mission provide that the incentive award will only be used in Mission Cities on admissible components of the AMRUT.

25. Can the Capacity Building be extended to ULBs other than AMRUT cities?

A. The Capacity Building component aims at training of 45000 personnel from the Mission Cities. Presently only personnel from the Mission Cities will be preferred.

26. Can SLIP preparation steps and Reform Proforma be made bi-lingual?

A. The SLIPs have to be prepared by Mission ULBs which will be aggregated into State Annual Action Plan (SAAP). The State may submit the SAAP to this Ministry in Hindi or in English, only, and if in any other language, then with an English/Hindi translation.