



## SIGINIFICANT INCREASE IN CENTRAL FUNDING TO STATES AND CITIES UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (URBAN)

New Delhi, 13 July 2016: Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister for Urban Development, today pushed forward a significant change in the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-Urban) guidelines, a move which is expected to have far reaching, positive implications for the success of the urban Mission. The guidelines, which form the basis of fund allocation and release by the Centre to states and thereon to cities, under various components, has been revised to provide nearly 75% higher Central assistance for municipal solid waste management and toilet construction, along with greater flexibility to states to implement SBM.

The major changes in SBM-Urban guidelines by Shri Venkaiah Naidu's Ministry of Urban Development include the following:

- **1.1** Central funding for municipal solid waste management projects (e.g. procurement of dustbins, tippers, solid waste collection and transportation equipments, setting up waste processing plants, etc) have been increased to 35% (from the earlier 20%) of project funds.
- **1.2** Central funding available for community toiles have increased from Rs 27000 per seat to Rs 39200 per seat.
- 1.3 Central funding has been made available for public toilets too, at the rate of Rs 39200 per seat. There was no provision of central funding earlier for public toilets.
- 1.4 Construction of urinals have been included for central funding at the rate of Rs 12800 per seat. There was no provision of central funding earlier for urinals.





With these revisions, Swachh Bharat Mission is set to bring about a paradigmatic shift in the way the Mission was being monitored and implemented – from monitoring toilet construction to monitoring outcome (achievement of open defecation free and open urination free status).

Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) aims to make all 4041 towns and cities of India Open Defecation Free (ODF), along with 100% scientific disposal of municipal solid waste. Till date, under the Mission, 115 cities and 8103 wards have already become ODF. Three states (Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Gujarat), and one UT (Chandigarh) are poised to become 100% ODF by 31st March 2017.

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