Request for Proposals (RFP) for Light House Projects issued under GHTC - India

Construction Technology India (CTI) 2019 Expo-cum-Conference under Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India) was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 2nd March 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. GHTC-India aims to get globally acclaimed, alternate and proven construction technologies for speedier and cost-effective construction of affordable housing. The Hon'ble Prime Minister declared 2019-20 as Construction Technology Year. In continuation, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has issued Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction of Light House Projects (LHP) at six selected sites under GHTC-India. These LHP will be constructed at Indore, Rajkot, Chennai, Ranchi, Agartala and Lucknow. A total of 6,368 houses including associated facilities and services will be constructed by using six distinct alternate technologies suitable to the geoclimatic conditions at selected sites within the framework of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] Mission. The RFPs have been issued on July 05, 2019 at www.eprocure.gov.in. for each location and are also available at ghtc-india.gov.in.

PMAY(U) Mission: One step closer to beneficiaries through PMAY(U) Mobile App

New mobile application for PMAY(U) was launched by Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C), MoHUA, Shri Hardeep S Puri in the month of February, 19. The mobile app has been designed for easy access and interface of beneficiaries with PMAY(U) Mission. Through this mobile app beneficiaries can capture and upload high-resolution photographs and video clips highlighting their success stories of owning a house under PMAY (U). These stories are an emotional recount of experiences such as increased self-esteem, social security, sense of pride and dignity. The mobile app has marked its reach to more than 50,000 beneficiaries across all States/UTs.
The PMAY(U) scheme has evolved immensely during the four years of its implementation. We have made conscious efforts to encourage the States/UTs to come forward and participate actively in achieving the goal of ‘Housing for All’ by 2022. The inclusion of planning areas and development authorities in PMAY(U) and recent budget announcement of enhanced tax concession on interest paid on housing loans is likely to enhance overall housing demand. Also, factors like rapid urbanisation, increase in working / employed population, new eligible beneficiaries on account of age etc suggests that the total housing demand numbers might go up to 1.12 Crore or even further.

During past four years, we have brought in several changes based on the inputs received from all stakeholders and have embraced initiatives accordingly. A recap of recent policy initiatives would include change in the beneficiary definition, planning area extension and setting up of ‘National Urban Housing Fund’ and ‘Affordable Housing Fund’. Apart from these, the launch of Global Housing Technology Challenge - India has been a unique initiative which is going to bring a paradigm shift in the construction sector of the country. At this point, I would also like to highlight the exponential growth in number of CLSS beneficiaries which stands at approximately 6.5 Lakh, out of which around 2 Lakh are from MIG segment.

We are fortunate to get an unparalleled support from the States/UTs and all other stakeholders, which will result in an early achievement of the goal of ‘Housing for All’. 

PMAY(U): Action against ‘Fake Application forms’

During the recent months, group of unknown people circulated ‘fake application form’ amongst the public stating that they can submit applications under PMAY(U) in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and other Government offices. A First Information Report (FIR) was lodged on 11.07.2019 at South Avenue Police Station, New Delhi against unknown persons indulged in misguiding the people and illegally circulating fake application forms. Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA held a meeting on 15 July 2019 along with officers of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) regarding the large number of applicants queuing up outside MoHUA and other offices for allotment of house under PMAY(U). Shri Mishra instructed that DUSIB will complete their demand survey for identifying eligible beneficiaries in Delhi. All State/ UT Governments need to be vigilant and may also issue disclaimer in their websites regarding fraudulent activities to stop such kind of unauthorised and fake enrolments under PMAY(U), if any.

Smt. Pramila Kachhap (40) is a resident of Ranchi Municipal area of Jharkhand. Her husband Shri Vishwanath Kachhap works as a mason on daily wage. Their children are studying in school. Annual income of the family is only ₹ 1.10 lakh. Family of five members used to live in a run down old mud house. Being a daily wage labour, it was difficult for him to fulfill the basic requirements of the family. Their daughter used to always avoid inviting her friends to her old kutcha house. While building houses for others as a mason, he always dreamt of building his own pucca house in future. His dream came true when a ward councilor of Ranchi Municipal Corporation motivated him to apply under PMAY(U). After getting selected, he received financial support of ₹ 2.25 lakh under PMAY(U) and built a good pucca house with a Kitchen and Toilet.

Smt. Pramila Kachhap and her family express their gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from the bottom of their hearts. Their self esteem increased after getting a pucca house and the whole family is happily living in their own new house.