The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organized a workshop on Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 at Chennai for all the southern States on 12th October, 2018. The workshop was presided Hon’ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (State) Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Secretary MoHUA, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra along with Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the representatives of all the southern States. Shri Puri emphasized about the importance of RERA and asked all the States to implement RERA in letter and spirit without any tweaking in interest of home buyers.

Secretary, MOHUA Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, in his address appreciated the performance of Tamil Nadu, which is one of the top performing States under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna–Urban with more than 5 Lakh sanctioned houses, out of which 3.34 Lack are grounded.

The Chief Guest was Shri Prakash Mehta, Hon’ble Minister for Housing, Government of Maharashtra. Special Guest was Shri Ravindra Waikar, Hon’ble State Minister for Housing, Government of Maharashtra. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing Department, Government of Maharashtra chaired and addressed the participants. Shri Amrit Abhijat, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (PMAY (U)), Housing for All, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs delivered the key note address.
Shri Shrawan Thakur, (41 years) an electrician was living in a hut with his wife and three children in Madhubani Nagar Parishad, Madhubani, Bihar. His income was only sufficient to meet their daily needs. He never thought to have his own pucca house but Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) showed him a ray of hope to be able to have his own house. He applied as per the norms and availed the assistance under BLC vertical. With the support of Rs 2 Lakh financial assistance under PMAY (U) and own contribution, he has made his own dream house. His family is very much thankful to our Hon’ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, as it is like a dream come true for his family.

Field Visits by Housing for All Division

The Officials and PMU Experts of HFA Division conducted field visits covering around 36 ULBs of 13 States/UTs during the 1st week of October, 18. It aimed to review the progress of PMAY (U) projects on ground, IEC related activities, strategies to roll out the same amongst others.

The team conducted both State and ULB level reviews to understand the overall strategies of the States/UTs and field level issues related with project implementation, streamlining of MIS data entry, cross learning through site visits, identifying best practices and building capacities of States and ULBs etc. The respective teams had also reviewed the status on preparation of HFAPoAs, Road Map for FY 2018–19, pending Utilisation Certificates (UCs), Fund releases, MIS related issues. As a part of this week long extensive field visits, testimonies of around 3500 beneficiaries through video clips and more than 1500 photographs of houses were collected.

The field visits conducted by respective teams has resulted in ensuring that monitoring mechanisms are in place and will give momentum to the PMAY (U) projects.