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Model Criteria: Establishment of City Level Technical Cells (CLTCs) on Cluster Basis

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Model Criteria for establishment of City Level Technical Cells (CLTCs) on cluster basis under Housing for All (Urban) Mission of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)

Provisions have been made in the HFA (Urban) guidelines to assist States and cities in enhancing their institutional capacity through the establishment of Technical Cells at State/UT and city levels. It is envisaged in the guidelines that these cells will support the States and cities in the implementation of the Mission activities.

2. A State Level Technical Cell (SLTC) with 5-10 professionals and a City Level Technical (CLTC) with 2-4 professionals will be supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) with prior approval of CSMC. The number of professionals in the mega cities can be more than 4 with the approval of CSMC. The financial support for CLTC and SLTC will be in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the State/UT and in case of North Eastern and special category States it will be in the ratio of 90:10.

3. The size of the cities (in terms of population) selected by States/UTs to include in the Mission varies. Since the workload in the smaller cities/towns will be comparatively less than that in the larger cities, a number of smaller cities/town may be clustered for which a CLTC may be established to cater to the needs of these cities under the Mission.

4. States/UTs in consultation with cities may decide the criteria to constitute CLTCs on a cluster basis. The indicative criteria for the selection of cities (for smaller cities) to include under the cluster formation are given below.

i. A cluster may be formed combining two or more smaller cities within a district or adjoining districts of the same State/UT if the cities are not far away. Number of cities/towns in such a cluster may not exceed four.

ii. The distance between the cities/towns in a cluster may be within a manageable range for the specialists to commute and to co-ordinate with the authorities.
5. States/UTs in consultation with cities/towns may suitably integrate clusters of CLTC formed under RAY with the clusters of CLTC under HFA.

6. In order to improving the effectiveness and capabilities of Specialists in CLTCs so as to build the capacities of the cities for implementing the Mission activities, the following are suggested:

   i. In a cluster, the specialists may be placed in the city/cities where their technical support is required more keeping in view of the felt need of the city/cities. The Specialists would visit the other cities in the cluster as per the requirements. The specialists in this cluster will report to the head of city administration where they are placed.

   ii. The capacity of the Specialist in the CLTCs may be enhanced through training programmes and exposure visits as part of the city capacity building programmes.

   iii. SLNA and SLTC may provide handholding and technical support to the CLTCs as and when required.

   iv. Periodical meetings may be organized among the CLTCs for sharing of experiences and learnings.

   v. The ToR as well as the assessment of skill/competencies required for the establishment of Technical Cells under HFA Mission circulated by the Ministry vide letter No. 11011/30/2015-HFA-2/ (pt) FTS13652 dated 24th September 2015 may also be referred to, while appointing the Specialists in the CLTCs.

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