



CHAPTER 2.0

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU NATIONAL URBAN RENEWAL MISSION – AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is a most innovative, forward looking and enabling programme of the GOI. It is based on the appreciation and understanding that efficient urban areas are key determinants of national economic development. As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh noted “urban economy is an important driver of economic growth. It is also the bridge between domestic economy and the global economy”.

The genesis of JNNURM is based on the appreciation of the trend of increasing urbanization, the contribution of urban areas to national GDP, the need for maintaining the efficiency of urban areas and productivity of urban resources at a high level, the importance of improving the quality of living in cities, the changing focus of urban development from space to people, the importance of quality urban infrastructure, the need for improving basic services to the urban poor and the appreciation of good governance as a critical catalyst for enabling change.

JNNURM is an important component of the process of urban reforms initiated comprising 74th Constitution Amendment Act, Model Municipal Law, etc. It is the “single largest initiative of the GOI for the planned development of our cities” and is estimated to incur an investment of over Rs. 1,00,000 crores over a 7-year period. It is envisaged as a cooperative endeavour and effort of the GOI, State Governments and the Urban Local Bodies.

The mission statement says: “ The aim is to encourage reforms and fast track planned development of identified cities. Focus is to be on efficiency in urban infrastructure and serve delivery mechanism, community participation and accountability of ULBs/parastatal agencies towards citizens”.

In the first phase, 63 cities have been identified on well-defined criteria as eligible for assistance under the Mission.

Vijayawada is one of the selected cities

A number of urban sectors and projects have been identified as eligible for assistance under the Mission. Included amongst them is ‘Urban transportation including roads, highways, expressways, MRTS and metro projects’.

JNNURM funds are available for:

- A City Development Plan;
- Detailed Project Report (DPR); and
- Timeline for implementation of the urban reform agenda



The proposed BRTS project is eligible for assistance under the JNNURM

JNNURM programme is overseen by a well-structured institutional arrangement comprising National Steering Group, Mission Directorate in the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee in the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, National Level Advisory Group, State Level Steering Committee and a Nodal Agency.

The JNNURM encourages attracting market investment by bringing Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Urban Infrastructure development. The PPP shall bring technological advancement, managerial and operational efficiencies in development and maintenance of urban infrastructure.