

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal and Shri CM Goa Dr. Pramod Savant reviews progress of urban development schemes in Panaji today

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal agrees to consider the request for 24x7 water supply Drink from Tap (DfT) Scheme for Goa state

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Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal held a meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Pramod Sawant and Vishwajit Rane Minister for Urban Development, Town & Country Planning, Health, Forest, in Panaji today to review the implementation and progress of key urban development initiatives and infrastructure projects in the State.

Hon'ble Minister reviewed the comprehensive development plans of MoHUA such as Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U & PMAY-U 2.0), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U & SBM-U 2.0), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) and PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi).

In connection, Chief Minister-Goa requested to consider special assistance for 24x 7 water supply Drink from Tap (DfT) (Project cost about Rs 652.61Cr) special financial assistance of ₹326.30 crore minimum for Water Source Augmentation, Infrastructure Development, Rehabilitation of Existing Network, pilot Drink-from-Tap projects including smart metering, IoT and SCADA-based monitoring systems to the State under AMRUT 2.0.

Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs agreed to consider the request for 24x7 water supply Drink from Tap (DfT) Scheme for Goa state

Also Chief Minister requested to consider Given Goa's unique urban challenges, particularly due to the significantly high volume of tourist inflow placing additional burden on civic infrastructure and requested that the State be considered as a special case for enhanced and expedited support under both AMRUT 2.0 and SBM-U 2.0.

Hon'ble Minister agreed and instructed the concerned official for necessary policy changes in the tourist states.



In the spirit of cooperative federalism, the Centre and the State are working closely to expedite priority projects for the overall development of the State and are also coordinating to resolve the major challenges and

pending issues.

Union Minister emphasized the need to develop, improve infrastructure and promote sustainable urbanisation through strategic planning and public-private partnerships.

He also advised the State to complete all pending works related to water supply (new/service tap connections and new/service sewer connections) under **AMRUT**; revision of action plan, expedite tendering work for toilets (community toilets, public toilets, aspirational toilets, urinals), Solid Waste Management, STP/co-treatment facilities under **SBM**; submit proposals, inform and educate citizens about **PMAY-U 2.0** to get benefits of affordable housing; profile Street Vendors under **PM SVANidhi**, clear eligible loan applications and increase women participation.

Hon'ble Minister also directed the State to submit proposal for PM-eBus Sewa Scheme. He also reviewed the progress under Smart Cities and DAY-NULM.

Hon'ble Minister said that Goa, as a prominent tourist hub and a rapidly growing State, is witnessing significant progress in urban development. He provided guidelines for effective planning and proper implementation of urban schemes under MoHUA to promote development and enhance ease of living for the people.

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