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**MISSION STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES ON SMART CITIES**

Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India launched three flagship schemes on 25th June, 2015, aimed at developing cities and towns in India as "new engines for growth". These three initiatives namely: (i) 100 Smart Cities; (ii) Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT); and (iii) Housing for All (PMAY) are expected to usher in a new urban era, substantially improving the quality of life of the Indian population.

The Smart City Mission will be operated as a Federally Sponsored Scheme. Government of India proposes to give financial support to the extent of about €70 billion over five years i.e. on an average €14 million per city per year. With an equal amount to be contributed by the State/Urban Local Body, approximately €140 billion will be available for Smart Cities development. Major contribution is also expected from private sector through Public-Private Partnership (**PPP**).

**Mission Statement and Guidelines on Smart Cities** issued by the Federal Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India highlight Government's strategy in the building of Smart Cities, process of selection of Smart Cities, financing of such cities and other details. The document can be accessed at: <http://www.smartcities.gov.in/writereaddata/SmartCityGuidelines.pdf>

The **PPP** model envisages complete flexibility by way of participation in providing technical and other assistance in the process of development of Smart Cities. The Government has also approved a two stage bidding process whereby the technical and financial capacity of prospective bidders are available at the Request for Qualification (RfQ) stage and the financial bidding is based on the single bidding parameter at the Request for Proposal (RfP) stage. Further details in this regard can be found on [http://www.pppinindia.com/pdf/RFP\\_finbid\\_ppp.pdf](http://www.pppinindia.com/pdf/RFP_finbid_ppp.pdf)

Prime Minister Modi and Chancellor Merkel, in a joint statement in Berlin on 14 April 2015, referred to the forthcoming visit of Chancellor to India in October 2015 for the 3rd Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) and agreed to encourage respective Ministries/Departments to take proactive steps to advance collaboration in many areas including Urban Development and Environment. As a consequence, the two countries have established three Joint Working Groups (JWGs) on: (i) Urban Development; (ii) Water; and (iii) Waste Management & Circular Economy which are intimately connected to the flagship schemes. We also look forward to active participation by the German companies in this ambitious initiative taken by the Government of India.

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