

Minutes of Delhi CSO Discussion on JNNURM

First floor, Conference Room
Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)
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New Delhi – 110048

Date & Time: 13 July 2006, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Facilitator: Parth Shah

Purpose: Meeting of *Group A – Decentralisation* to discuss decentralisation reforms as mandated under JNNURM

1.0 Outcomes

1. Mandate for Group A – Decentralisation

- a. Implementation of 74th Amendment
- b. Community Participation Law
- c. Public Disclosure Law
- d. Public-private partnership

The following reforms **have been dropped from the Group A mandate**:

1. Revision of bye-laws to make rain water harvesting mandatory in all buildings to come up in future and for adoption of water conservation measures
2. Bye-laws on reuse of recycled water

Other groups are welcome to take up these reforms for discussions.

2. Date for next meeting: **Thursday, 27 July 2006 from 3 pm to 5 pm.**
3. Agenda for next meeting: **Strengthening 74th Amendment.**
 - a. Brief presentation on the 74th Amendment by Makarand Bakore (CCS).
 - b. Discussion on the following:
 - i. Does the 74th Amendment need to be strengthened?
 - ii. If yes, what needs to be done?
 - iii. Is there a need for a new law on community participation?
 - iv. If yes, how is the draft bill on community participation? Is there a need to change it in any way?
 - v. If we do not need a new community participation law, what can we do about it?
4. Participants **shall be sent documents** via email to be read before the meeting.

5. **JNNURM Delhi Yahoo! Group** will be formed which will be open to all. Minutes of meetings and other documents will be on the Yahoo! Group for public access.
6. **New members can join other groups as well** by informing Makarand (contact details in participants list). The groups are as follows:

Group	Mandate
B	Land Reforms (Urban Land Ceiling Act, Rent Control Laws, reduction in stamp duty, etc)
C	Institutions and Finances (Double entry system of accounting, e-governance, administrative reforms etc)
D	Services for the Poor (Levy of reasonable user charges, provision of basic services to the urban poor, earmarking of budgets for basic services to the urban poor)

For the complete list of reforms under each group, please see minutes of the meeting held on 25.5.06

2.0 Discussions

1. Community Participation Bill
 - a. There is ambiguity in the process of elections to the Area Sabha through nominations
 - b. Why should there be a reservation for institutions? Who would qualify as an institution? Would slum dwellers or market associations qualify as institutions?
 - c. There is an overlap in the functions of Ward Committee and Area Sabha
 - d. A culture of informed community participation needs to be developed. Participation of citizens in urban governance is lacking.
 - e. We may not need a new law if the 74th Amendment is implemented in its true spirit.
2. Suggestion to change references to 'RWAs' to 'Ward Committees' in the JNNURM documents
3. Roles and intentions of international agencies in JNNURM needs to be examined both objectively and subjectively.
4. The 74th Amendment needs to be strengthened and Ward Committees need to be empowered.

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