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Dear

The National Buildings Organization (NBO), (an attached office under this Ministry) is the nodal agency at the Government of India level for collection, tabulation, maintenance and dissemination of data relating to urban poverty, slum and housing. They are in the process of developing a national statistical system for urban poverty, slum and housing. Providing affordable shelter and basic infrastructural facilities to all citizens, especially the urban poor, are daunting tasks before policy-makers, planners and administrators. In order to enable policy-makers and administrators to understand key issues and participate effectively in formulation and implementation of related programmes, there is a need for availability of authentic, accurate and latest statistics in matters such as availability of housing stock, requirement of new dwelling units, investment made in housing, investment required and basic amenities to be provided.

2. The need for developing appropriate statistical systems at the Central, State and Urban Local Body level has been further accentuated with the launching of the Jawaharlal National Urban Renewal Mission on 3rd December 2005 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The Mission is the single largest initiative ever launched in the country to address the critical issues of urban infrastructure and basic services to the urban poor. With a committed Central Assistance support to State Governments to the tune of Rs.50,000 Crore, the Mission has necessitated availability of adequate and reliable data for prioritization of towns, localities within towns and projects under JNNURM for outcome-oriented interventions.

3. With a view to establishing a sound data collection mechanism in the country on various parameters relating to shelter, habitat-related infrastructure, slums and urban poverty, this Ministry is organizing a one-day "National Consultation on Database & MIS on Urban Poverty, Slum and Housing" which will now be held on 17th September, 2007 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This National Consultation will be inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India. Hon'ble Minister for Statistics & Programme Implementation will be the Chief Guest and Chairman, National Statistical Commission, will preside over the event.

4. I shall be grateful if you kindly attend the National Consultation. We shall also request you to please ask the Director of Economics and Statistics, Officer in charge of Urban Database Development, Director of Municipal Administration and Municipal Commissioners/Chief Executive Officers of JNNURM (including UIDSSMT and IHSDP) cities in the National Consultation. For any information or clarification on the proposed National Consultation, you may please get in touch with Shri D. P. S. Negi, Director (NBO) & OSD (JNNURM), Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on Telephone Nos. 011 23061692 (Office) or 9868511644 (Mobile) or on the following e-mail ids:

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5. A detailed Programme for the proposed National Consultation will be displayed on the web-sites of this Ministry and the NBO at www.muepa.nic.in and www.nbo.nic.in respectively.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Sd/
(Dr. P K Mohanty)

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