

City Level Consultation on CTAG and CVTC Formation in Ranchi

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Venue: Conference Hall, Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC)

Participants: Ms. Rama Khalkho (Mayor – RMC), Mr. Ajaynath Shahdev (Dy. Mayor – RMC), Mr. Rahul Kumar Purwar, IAS (CEO – RMC), Mr. Mukesh Kumar Verma (Dy. CEO-RMC) , Dr. Kaustuv K. Bandyopadhyay (Director – PRIA), Mr. Rajpal (State Manager –PRIA), Ms. Rose Anita (Program Officer – PRIA), Mr. Iqbal Asif (Program Officer – PRIA), Mr. Mahesh Dhandole (Program Officer – PRIA), Ms Nitika Arora & Ms Sonali Guha (TAG Coordination Cell) ,citizens and media persons.

Objectives:

- Develop an understanding about the role of CTAG and CVTC among participants in local context;
- Final selection and announcement of members of CTAG and CVTC.

Program details:

The consultation started with welcome of participants by Mr. Rahul Kumar Purwar, IAS, (CEO – RMC). He said that though the formation of CTAG and CVTC has been delayed but it is a pleasure that ultimately we arrived at the stage of CTAG formation. Focusing on community participation he added that in absence of this earlier we have not received the desired results. However, in JNNURM it has been planned to incorporate needs and issues of common people. Further he said that the 74th CAA thrusts to make the ULB an autonomous body in the true sense so that there would be quality and effectiveness in its functioning. He appealed to make the consultation interactive and thanked participants for their presence.

Dr. Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay explained that for the development of cities and towns the central govt. has launched two track strategies. JNNURM is for selected big cities and UIDSSMT and IHSDP for the other cities. He highlighted the importance of community participation by quoting the statement of honorable Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh that “the success of JNNURM will depend on participation of people.” Then he gave presentation on ‘Understanding the roles and process of CTAG and CVTC’. He told that CTAG has been formed in 8 cities and Ranchi is the 9th city where CTAG is going to formed today.

He started his presentation by giving a quick picture of Ranchi city regarding water and sanitation facilities through the Citizen Report Card recently conducted by PRIA in 6 cities of different states including Ranchi. He correlated the significant role of CTAG and CVTC in improving those services of the city by providing advice to the Municipal Corporation in DPR preparation and in its implementation strategy. He also talked about the mandatory and optional reforms under JNNURM for State and ULB in detail.

Open discussion was facilitated by Mr. Rajpal. The Deputy CEO took the chance to clarify about implementation and fund status of various schemes like BSUP, solid waste management, river front and ponds development, sewerage and drainage etc. He admitted that the account related reforms have not yet started because the State has not revised laws related to the accounting system.

Ms. Nikita Arora (representatives of National TAG's Coordination Cell) presented the experiences of other cities (Madurai, Jaipur, Patna, Varanasi, Surat, etc.) where CTAGs & CVTCs have been already formed. She told that when the mission started it was decided that a three tier structures for advisory support will be established. From the experience of State TAG formation in 3-4 states it was realized that it could not play an effective role in the city's development since it is the city that is the real theatre of action. Thereafter focus was on the city level. She told that CTAG and CVTC of Madurai city is one of the most pro active among the eight cities and its credit rests partially with the Municipal Corporation and Commissioner of Madurai & partially with the members, the anchor NGO & the Citizens of Madurai. The major points she focused on were:

- regular meetings of CTAG
- understanding developed among members of CTAG, officials of municipal corporation and the elected representatives that CTAG would play a complementary role with the ULB
- Heritage of Madurai city was identified as one of the primary entry point for the CTAG & the CVTC which helped to revise the CDP and DPRs to include the heritage component in them.

Along with this success story she cited some obstacles being faced by the CTAGs & CVTCs in their functioning eg like in case of Patna. It is the Bihar state Govt. that is handling the funds of JNNURM for Patna city instead of Municipal Corporation & the municipal corporation in this scenario is not willing to take the ownership of the CTAG-CVTC. She suggested that in Patna also CTAG can support Municipal Corporation to interface with the State for handing over the JNNURM funds and devolution of powers to the ULB. As per the local issues and situation of the city, CTAG and CVTCs can decide upon their roles. She added that the success of CTAG and CVTC depends on cooperation and support of Municipal Corporation for its proper functioning.

She also informed the participants about Community Participation Fund (CPF) and Community Development Network (CDN) and said that it is the major role of

both the technical groups to mobilize projects from the community under these two schemes.

The participants raised the questions on the following issues:

- Revision of CDP and DPRs in Ranchi taking into account the tribal culture
- Power of CTAG and CVTC
- Priority should be given on better delivery of common services and then only beautification
- The CTAG should consist of right people with right objectives
- Women members should also get representation in CTAG
- CTAG is a platform to move towards positive direction
- CTAG will be limited to RMC or it can advise the State government also?
- Who would be authority at RMC to enforce the advise of CTAG and if not heard whom the members can approach ?
- Orientation of CTAG members
- Discipline and punctuality among CTAG members
- Build pressure to bridge the gap between preparation of DPRs and their execution
- How will the expenses of CTAG be taken care of ?

Open session was followed by comments of Chairperson, Ms. Rama Khalkho (Mayor – RMC). She said that election has taken place in Ranchi after a long gap so obviously there are difficulties. It would depend on members of CTAG that how they would give their advisory support. She assured that the Corporation will give due importance to the advice of CTAG.

During the lunch break a committee consisting of Ms. Rama Khalkho – Mayor-RMC), Mr. Ajay Nath Sahdev (Deputy Mayor –RMC), Mr. Rahul Purwar, I.A.S. (CEO- RMC), Dr. Kaustav Bandhopadhyay (Director – PRIA), Mr. Rajpal (State Manager - PRIA), Ms. Rose Anita (Program Officer – PRIA) finalized the proposed list of members for the CTAG and the CVTC. The list is attached in **annex- 1**

The last session was held to announce the members of CTAG and CVTC. Some of the participants continued the discussion of previous session and suggested measures to raise revenue and improve various services. Finally CEO Mr. Rahul Purwar announced the names of CTAG and CVTC members. Mayor, Ms. Rama Khalkho congratulated all the members and gave her best wishes to the members. Mr. Purwar gave vote of thanks to PRIA, NTAG cell team, Mayor, Dy. Mayor and all the participants for the successful consultation.

City Technical Advisor Group (CTAG) member list

1. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Jain
2. Prof. Ramesh Sharen
3. Mr. N.N.Mangla (Chairperson)
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6. Mr Bikash Singh
7. Mr Rajiv Chadda
8. Mr. Rajiv Lohchan Jha
9. Ms. Basanti Kujur
10. Mr. Enamul Haq
11. Mr Anchal Kingar

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