

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Government of the Republic of India hereinafter referred to as "Indian Party", and

The Government of the French Republic hereinafter referred to as the "French Party",

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Contracting Parties".

Wishing to promote bilateral co-operation between the Contracting Parties having in mind the implementation of Paris Agreement on climate change, signed on December 12th, 2015 in Paris;

Being convinced of the mutual interest to institutionalize a technical co-operation to promote Sustainable Urban Development in India and in France, the Contracting Parties had signed an Agreement on 5th of October 2012 on the cooperation in the field of sustainable urban development valid for 5 years for cooperation in areas such as development of mass transportation systems, water supply and sewerage systems, disposal and treatment of solid waste, green housing and urban planning;

Being convinced of great progress in cooperation on Sustainable Development between the two countries, and wishing to pursue the cooperation by replacing the agreement signed on the 5th of October 2012 between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the French Republic on cooperation in the field of sustainable urban development by the present Agreement with the additional areas of engagement;

Have agreed as follows:

Article-I

Objectives:

1. To allow an exchange of information between the Government officials and the technical experts of the respective Ministries of the Contracting Parties in the following fields:

- smart city development,
- development of urban mass transportation systems,
- urban settlements and utilities (water supply and sewerage systems),
- disposal and treatment of solid waste,
- landfill remediation,
- management of non-revenue water,
- micro tunnelling /pipe jacking/ trenchless technology,
- wastewater reuse/recycle,
- technology transfer,

- conservation of fresh water by artificial recharge of aquifer,
- circular economy,
- mass housing,
- green housing,
- urban planning,
- heritage,
- human resource development and capacity building,
- other related areas as mutually agreed by the Contracting Parties.

2. To promote and develop the relations between private companies, public bodies, States, local and regional authorities, local self-governing bodies in the fields of sustainable urban development cited above with the purpose to bring improvements for these fields and promote Public-Private Participation.

Article-II

The implementation of this Agreement shall take place under the aegis of the Indo-French Joint Working Group on Urban Development.

The Indo-French Joint Working Group shall meet once in a year alternately in India and in France.

For the Indian Party, the Indian co-chairman of the Joint Working Group on Urban Development is the Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

For the French Party, the French co-chairman of the Joint Working Group on Urban Development is the Director for European and International Affairs of the Ministry for Ecological and Solidary Transition and the Ministry of Territory Cohesion.

Article-III

A programme of action is drawn-up every year. It shall lay down the subject matter of the projects contemplated for the current year. For each selected theme the most appropriate means of achievement shall be determined: advance training courses in France and in India, missions by experts, capacity building.

Article-IV

An appraisal of the work achieved shall be made at the time of each annual meeting of the Indo-France Joint Working Group on Urban Development.

Article-V

The topics retained for each year shall be appended to the minutes of the annual meeting of the Indo-French Joint Working Group on Urban Development.

Article-VI

Each Contracting Party will bear their own expenses incurred towards implementation of the cooperation activities under this Agreement as far as their current operating expenditure allows.

Article-VII

For the Indian party, the Indian co-chairman of the Joint Working Group on Urban Development is the nodal person for the program of action developed each year.

For the French Party, the French co-chairman of the Joint Working Group on Urban Development is the nodal person for the programme of action developed each year.

Article-VIII

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through direct negotiations through consultations or negotiations between the Contracting Parties.

Article-IX

- (i) The Agreement signed on 5th of October 2012 between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the French Republic on the cooperation in the field of sustainable urban development is repealed and replaced by the present Agreement. The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. On its expiry, it may be renewed by written agreement between the Contracting Parties for a period of the same duration.
- (ii) It can be amended at any time by written consent of the Contracting Parties.
- (iii) It can be terminated by either Party by giving the other Party a written six months advance notice. Such termination shall have no effects on the projects or works under implementation except by a

"mutually agreeable decision" of the Contracting Parties to the contrary.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereof by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

Done in New Delhi, on 10 March 2018 in two originals each in the Hindi, English and French languages, all three versions being equally authentic.

For the Government
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