

The National Mission on Sustainable Habitat (NMSH)

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NMSH was approved by the Prime Minister's Council for Climate Change in June 2010. There are eight National Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change, with the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat being one of them.

Objectives of the Mission

- **Improvements in energy efficiency in buildings through the extension of the energy conservation building code** – which addresses the design of new and large commercial buildings to optimize their energy demand
- **Better urban planning and modal shift to public transport** – make long term transport plans to facilitate the growth of medium and small cities in such a way that ensures efficient and convenient public transport
- **Improved management of solid and liquid waste**, e.g. recycling of material and urban waste management – with special focus on the development of technology for producing power from waste
- **Improved ability of habitats to adapt to climate change by improving the resilience of infrastructure**, community-based disaster management, and measures for improving advance warning systems for extreme weather events and
- Conservation through appropriate changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

Mission Targets

- **Development of sustainable habitat standards** that lead

to robust development strategies while simultaneously addressing climate change-related concerns

- **Preparation of city development plans** that comprehensively address adaptation and mitigation concerns
- **Preparation of comprehensive mobility plans** that enable cities to undertake long-term, energy-efficient and cost-effective transport planning and
- Capacity building for undertaking activities relevant to the Mission.