

Meeting with Dr. Antarin Chakrabarty (State Lead, JAGA Mission, Centre for Policy and Research, Odisha)

Date: Thursday, 15/04/2021

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Venue: Offline (Kolkata)

- Stakeholder – Dr. Antarin Chakrabarty, State Lead, JAGA Mission, Centre for Policy and Research, Odisha
- CRDF Team - Ms. Riya Mallick, Research Associate (Consultant)

Purpose of the Meeting/ Consultation:

Meeting objectives to discuss:

1. To understand how JAGA Mission is performing as a major Participatory Platform in Bhubaneswar.

Discussion:

Question 1: How do you classify the authorized and un-authorized slums?

Stakeholder Response:

- In Bhubaneswar, there is a mix of 'Authorised and Un-authorised Slums'. The authorised slums are those, which are range from villages and were incorporated into urban limits over the years to government-built resettlement sites under recent schemes. In this category the inhabitants have rightful claim over the land and dwelling units and maximum number of parts of this category are not violating the land use.
On the other hand, the unauthorized slums are those which does not have any legal rights on land and they have inadequate services and also suggests uniform violation of planning and law.

Question 2: How many un authorised slums are there in Bhubaneswar? What will happen to the un authorised slums regarding upgradation and de listing?

Stakeholder Response

- There are total 436 slums in Bhubaneswar. Out of which 144 are authorised and rest 292 are un authorised slums.
That will be decided later. And how the municipalities and NACs has been given land rights, the same way property rights will be given to them. But this will be deciding later and they have concentrated on upgradation process.

Question 3: How have you envisioned the Phase 3 of JAGA Mission?

Stakeholder Response

- The Principle Secretary is planning to do the Phase 3 in Collaboration with Janagraha. They have some concept on 'ward level infrastructure' which they want to implement. Even though Phase 2 is also about providing the basic infrastructure services, but it is the basic level, through which it will become part of

the entire city. In that case, the Phase 3 will be all about providing some more services like education, mother and child care, improvising anganwadi etc. even it can get integrated with various welfare schemes which will help them to become a liveable habitat. And also in this phase the SDA or RWA will be taken as major 4th pillar by giving them more responsibilities and decision making.

Question 4: Is there any slum wise or phase wise or ULB wise progress report available?

Stakeholder Response

- There are no such things in JAGA Mission. Every progress used to be discussed internally through WhatsApp group, in which every stakeholders starting from Principle Secretary to the local SDA members are included. There is no formal report as such. The concern ULB member will send their internal report in WhatsApp and they also will be sent their corrections or rectification through the same platform. As this is a very rapid progressing program, people does not have time to work on such report. Maybe later on they will and even if some institute want to do research on this program, they're welcome. Janagraha is trying to create a website to publish the reports.

Question 5: How various participatory platforms are getting converge in this programme?

Stakeholder Response

- There is no direct interaction between two different platforms. According to the need sometimes the other groups might help each other, but that is not always. For example: when the water is getting supplied through Mission BASUDHA to the entire city, in that Jaal Saathi are taking the major role. But when the same water supply is coming into the slum, the SDA will take it forward. In any case if the SDAs are not able to work properly in that, then the Jaal Sathi member will help them out. The convergence is generally happening in the top level. The people those who are working under those different platforms at the grassroots level, work separately.