



# “Swachh Bharat Cess Funds Deployment”

*(Collective Inputs from 335,000 strong Swachh Bharat Circle)*

1. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Government of India should become the knowledge template provider for policy, best practices and processes
2. SBM should continue to incorporate citizen feedback on various aspects and disseminate to urban local bodies
3. SBM can also engage citizens in different cities to provide collective feedback on results on the ground
4. SBM should implement a centralized ERP project management system and use to for e-procurement, progress tracking and reporting and make it mandatory use for every urban local body that is seeking SBM funds
5. SBM should also mandate every municipal commissioner to join the respective city Swachh Bharat circle so they can engage citizens in the process and update them
6. All vendor selection, contracts and purchase orders for any activity related to SBM by cities must be processed only through the system
7. A comprehensive SBM funds deployment plan must be developed (by phase) for every city using a common template approved by senior most ULB authority before the funds are released
8. SBM Funds given to the municipalities must have along with them the exact guidelines on where they are to be spent and what classifies as a violation/misuse
9. Any valid exceptions to the original plan must be submitted for electronic approval with basis to SBM State Directorate and SBM Central Directorate
10. Yearly plans should be made public to citizens ahead of time and latest within the first quarter highlighting how cess fund will be spent
11. Status of fund utilization and progress achieved should be made public every quarter
12. A monitoring committee may also be formed at state level and within Central Government to monitor SBM spending by ULBs
13. Some local citizens should also be a part of the spending committee to make sure that the funds are deployed in the right way
14. A status report on where the cess money is being used should be presented bi-annually
15. Funds should be deployed to ULBs through Public Sector Banking Channels under respective State Government guarantee with periodical audits by respective Central or State agency
16. State and Central SBM Directorates must ensure that no funds for the next phase are allocated to ULBs that do not meet at least 80% of their objectives in the previous phase.

*This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 335,000 strong Swachh Bharat Circle, the largest national community for the cause. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SwachhBharat-NationalCircle> for more.*