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FOR  
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OF  
URBAN WAQF PROPERTIES

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Auqaf are permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties by any person for purposes recognized by the Muslim Law as pious, religious or charitable. Apart from their religious aspect, the Auqaf are also instruments of social good as the benefits accrue to the needy in social-economic and educational fields.
- 1.2 For a variety of reasons, the majority of auqaf in the country have limited income. The result is that generally the Mutawallis (Managers of auqaf) find it difficult to adequately fulfil the purposes for which these auqaf are created or intended. Most of the urban waqf lands have the potential for development but the Mutawallis and even the Waqf Boards are not in a position to muster enough resources for construction of modern functional buildings on these lands.

### 2. Objective

- 2.1 With a view to improving the financial position of the Auqaf and the Waqf Boards and to enable them to enlarge the area of their welfare work, this Yojana has been formulated with a view to protect vacant Waqf land from encroachers and to develop economically viable projects on these properties for generating more income and /or to widen welfare activities.
- 2.2 Under the Yojana, interest free loan is advanced to various Waqf Boards and Waqf Institutions in the country for construction of economically viable buildings on the Waqf land, such as commercial complex, marriage halls, hospitals, cold storage etc.

### 3. Need for modification/continuation of the existing yojna

- 3.1 The Central Waqf Council has been implementing this Yojana since 1974-75 with the annual Grant-in-aid provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Under the Yojana, the Central Government has released a total grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.52.37 crore between September, 1974 to March, 2017 and in turn the Central Waqf Council has extended interest free loan to 143 projects.
- 3.2 The implementation of the above Yojana was reviewed with the State Governments and State Waqf Boards on 7.1.2017. Thereafter, the Yojana was got evaluated through National Institute of Labour Economics Research &

