

Review Paper on the Holistic Role of an Architect in Cost Optimization for Affordable Housing

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Abstract: *With about one in six urban Indians living in illegal squatter settlements, India's need for an extra number of affordable housing is exponentially increasing. In September 2015, the Indian Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (MoHUPA) unveiled its ambitious Housing for All program under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), with the goal of making India slum-free by 2022. This policy is based on similar previous initiatives and shows promise regarding the number of houses to be constructed for all income groups in India with the aid of the government's credit-linked subsidies. The plan, however, has many drawbacks, especially from a people-centered perspective: recipients are often viewed as inactive, the system includes few incentive steps, access to benefits is exclusive and long-term consequences are ignored. It is concluded that PMAY 2014 is essentially a government image campaign and lacks sustainability elements. Even there are many issues that are neglected from a broader perspective such as a private partnership and investment.*

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