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 నారాయణగూడ, మ్యూజియం, చార్మినార్ దుర్గా ఉన్న పరిసరాలను అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని ఆవకాశం ఉంది. నందమూరి వేదిక ప్రతిపాదన కోరింది. మంగళ కారం అనంతరం వేదిక కార్యాలయంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన విలేజరుల సమావేశంలో వేదిక అధ్యక్షుడు, చార్మినార్ సు సర్పంచరులతో చర్చించారు. ప్రస్తుతం చార్మినార్ డ్రాఫ్ట్ ప్లాన్లో మార్పులు చేర్పులు చేయాలని ఆవకాశం ఉంది. వందల కోట్లతో పునరుద్ధరణ ప్రణాళిని వేరూ ఆ అభివృద్ధి కార్యాచరణను ప్రారంభించాలని గణ ప్రభుత్వం దాని కోరుకుంటుంది. అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని ఆవకాశం ఉంది. అలా చేస్తే అన్ని మార్గాలు అభివృద్ధి చేయాలన్నారు. తెలంగాణ ప్రభుత్వం చార్మినార్ సుందరి సుందరి ప్రాజెక్టుతో మార్పుల తీసుకోవాలని ప్రణాళికలు రూపొందించాలని కోరారు.

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చార్మినార్ వద్ద పచ్చదనాన్ని పెంచాలి

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జైంకాబాద్ : జాతీయ మాస్కోపెండ్లో గుర్తింపబడని చార్మినార్ వద్ద అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని నిరూపించుకుంటూ వేస్తున్నా ఆ ప్రాంతంలో వసూలు పూర్తికావడం లేదని ఫోరం వర్ గుడ్ గవర్నెన్స్ తెలియజేసింది. మంగళవారం అక్షిణాంతరం సుందరి కార్యాలయంలో జరిగిన విలేజరుల సమావేశంలో అభ్యుత్సాహ ఆఫీస్ కెర్నల్ రెడ్డి, ఉపాధ్యక్షులు చార్మినార్ రాష్ట్ర పరిషత్, చార్మినార్ ఎంపీలతో చర్చించారు. ప్రజలకు అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని కోరుకుంటున్న చార్మినార్ వద్ద కేవలం పాతబాగులు మాత్రమే ఉన్నందున ప్రాజెక్టును అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని నిరూపించుకుంటూ వేస్తున్నా తెలియజేసింది. వందల కోట్లతో పునరుద్ధరణ ప్రణాళిని వేరూ ఆ అభివృద్ధి కార్యాచరణను ప్రారంభించాలని గణ ప్రభుత్వం దాని కోరుకుంటుంది. అభివృద్ధి చేయాలని ఆవకాశం ఉంది. అలా చేస్తే అన్ని మార్గాలు అభివృద్ధి చేయాలన్నారు. తెలంగాణ ప్రభుత్వం చార్మినార్ సుందరి సుందరి ప్రాజెక్టుతో మార్పుల తీసుకోవాలని ప్రణాళికలు రూపొందించాలని కోరారు.



వారానాలు, బ్యాపిరులు రద్దీ నడుమ చార్మినార్

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'Charminar Pedestrian Project proves a letdown'

Despite spending Rs. 22 crore since 2006 on the project, there's nothing much to show, says Forum For Good Governance

Yunus Y. Laxania

HYDERABAD: Say Charminar and the first image that pops up in one's head is that of a crowded road leading to it and congested vicinity around the 400-year-old monument. And to change all that and improve aesthetics, the Charminar Pedestrian Project (CPP) was initiated. Cut to 2015, and what is visible is a granite road meant for walking and visible medians, but that is all.

And questioning the pace of works that the CPP has been handled since its inception are the members of Forum For Good Governance, who say that, according to an RTI query, successive State governments have spent more than Rs. 22 crore since 2006 on the project, but with



Forum For Good Governance asks the government to take up the Charminar Pedestrian Project on priority basis to ease the congestion in the vicinity.

—PHOTO: MOHAMMED YOUSUF

little to show. Demanding that the State government take up the CPP project on top priority, members of the Forum For Good Governance (FFCG) here on Tuesday said in spite of spending so much money, nothing has come off the project so far.

"In fact, Rs. 37 lakh was given to a firm as consultancy charges alone," pointed out FFCG member Rao Chelika-

ni, at a press conference. The data about the CPP's expenditure shows that so far Rs. 9.39 crore was spent on road works, Rs. 2.41 crore on construction of kerbing, footpaths and granite paving all around Charminar. "Even before the project is completed, the granite works need repair," remarked Mr. Chelikani.

Both Mr. Chelikani and M.

Padmanabha Reddy from FFCG stated that while other national monuments in India have lung space, the Charminar is congested due to heavy traffic and several encroachments around it.

They also said that roads from Nayapul to Falaknuma palace, Shalibanda, Engine Bowli and other surrounding areas also need to be improved.

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Activists seek fresh report on Charminar Pedestrianisation Project

Hyderabad: With as much as Rs 22 crore being spent to preserve the historic monument under the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project (CPP) over a period of over eight years, little has changed on the ground, activists from Forum for Good Governance rued. Based on information obtained under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the FGG said that while around over Rs 35 crore were sanctioned in 2006, only Rs 22.96 crore was actually spent. Of the amount utilized, around Rs 10.26 crore was spent towards

valuation and demolition of structures affected by the CPP, Rs 9.39 crore was spent on laying of roads and around Rs 2.41 crore was used for construction of footpaths and granite paving. However, the amount earmarked for providing lights on the central medians, Rs 1.56 crore, greenery, around Rs 74,000, and funds for road markings was not utilised. FGG secretary M Padmanabha Reddy said it was in 2006 that Rs 35.1 crore was sanctioned. A fresh project report should be sought. **THE**

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₹13cr Charminar fund unused

GHMC claims to have finished 90% of Charminar pedestrianisation project

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Of the total amount approved according to the Detailed Project Report of the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project, over ₹13 crore remains unused by the GHMC since 2006. However, the corporation claims that 90 per cent of the project is complete.

The roads from Nayapul to Falakruma Palace via Patharghatti, Charminar, Shalibanda, Engine Bowli and other roads from Murgi Chowk to Etebar Chowk through Lad Bazaar, Sardar Mahal needs immediate repairs.

The CPP envisaged regulating traffic by widening the Inner and Outer Ring Road to develop greenery, landscaping, fountains and illumination around the monument, which has been reduced to a traffic island.

In 1999, ₹9.5 crore was sanctioned by the then MCH for the project. Though the sanctioned amount was spent, not much work was done. In 2006, the matter was referred to CRAPHTS, consultants from Ahmedabad, who had prepared



UNSPENT MONEY

FOLLOWING IS THE EXPENDITURE ON CHARMINAR PEDESTRIANISATION PROJECT UP TO MARCH 3, 2015

₹11.05cr

was sanctioned for road construction. ₹9.39 crore was spent

₹4.05cr

was sanctioned for construction of footpath and granite pavement. ₹2.41 crore was spent

₹84 lakh

was sanctioned for construction of central median. ₹35,000 was spent.

₹1.56cr

was sanctioned for providing central lighting. Not a penny spent.

₹74 lakh

was sanctioned for providing horticulture. Not a single rupee spent.

the Detailed Project Report.

The then AP government had issued an order, GO no 1218, and sanctioned ₹35.10 crore for the CPP. Since then the works are said to be going on. RTC buses were

stopped from plying around Charminar.

However, there is no respite from the traffic congestion.

At many places footpaths were dug up to lay tiles. Shop owners around Charminar encroa-

ched upon the footpaths leaving no space for pedestrians to walk.

M Padmanabha Reddy, secretary of Forum for Good Governance said that a reply to an RTI query revealed that out of ₹35.1 crore sanctioned

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Hyderabad a smart city and a tourist hub and Charminar is a must-visit for all. Unfortunately the monument, unlike the Taj Mahal and the Victoria Memorial, has no facilities. It is just a busy traffic island where it is difficult for visitors to even stand for a while.

— M. PADMANABHA REDDY, SECRETARY, FORUM FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

In 2006, about ₹10 crore was spent for compensation to building owners, ₹9 crore for roads, ₹2 crore for footpaths and granite paving and ₹37 lakh on consultants.

"The government is committed to making Hyderabad a smart city and a tourist hub and Charminar is a must-visit for all, unfortunately the monument, unlike the Taj Mahal and the Victoria Memorial, has no such facilities. It is just a busy traffic island where it is difficult to even stand for a while," he said.

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CHARMINAR PEDESTRIANISATION PROJECT



GHMC commissioner last visited Charminar in September 2014

₹23 crore down the drain

- 16 years have gone by since the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project started and Rs 23 crore has been spent. But there is no visible change
- Civic groups want the project to be handed over to tourism department

OUR BUREAU

The last time the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials visited Charminar was on September 9, 2014. A hurriedly conducted meeting with the locals followed by promises that the project would be completed soon was announced. Since then there has been no progress.

This in a way summarises how the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project (CPP) has progressed since it first started in 1999—meetings followed by inactivity. In response to an RTI filed by the Forum for Good Governance, the GHMC, has said that till March 2015, Rs 22.96 crore was

spent out of which Rs 10 crore was spent towards compensation to building owners but failed to provide details on the beneficiaries and how many properties remain to be acquired.

The project promised a vehicle free zone, landscaping, cobbled streets and illumination, except for a small stretch in which stones were laid for pedestrians nothing much happened. M Padmanabha Reddy, secretary, Forum for good Governance, says, "People visiting Charminar are not able to even spend a few minutes due to heavy traffic and pollution. It is time the government re-thinks and makes amends to all the time lost."

Echoing a similar sentiment, Rao Chelikani, vice president, said, "It is better to handover the project to the tourism department and set a timeline. The GHMC has too many projects in hand."

The authorities are facing resistance from shop owners, pushcart owners and management committees of four religious properties masjid-e-dadamiyan, masjid-e-saleemunissa at Kali Kaman, masjid-e-mansoor Khan and ashoorkhana panjasha at Panjasha.

A senior official of GHMC said that they have had to face opposition from not only single owners but 18 of them from a single building-Jyothi building.