PRESS NOTE

In the year 2010 GHMC has taken up a massive "Slum Free City Plan Of Action" (SFCPOA), covering 1476 slums which need basic amenities like Housing, water supply, Sewerage, Storm water drains, disposal of Solid Waste, Roads, Streetlights etc. The GHMC council vide resolution No. 108 dated 22-12-2010 has approved the proposal to make Hyderabad a slum free city. Accordingly GHMC appointed two consultants M/s NCPE and M/s Voyant solutions for preparation of Detailed Project report (DPR).

The details

S. No.	Year	Number of Slums to be take	n Amount
		up for improvement	(Rs. in crores)
1.	2011-12	290	2292
2.	2012-13	299	2175
3.	2013-14	299	2587
4.	2014-15	299	2598
5.	2015-16	289	2079
	Add over heads -		769
	Tota	al 1,476	12,500

In this way it was proposed to make Hyderabad a slum free city by the year 2016 by spending about 12,500 crores.

For the first year the consultants prepared a project report for 290 slums covering only limited works at an estimated cost of Rs.545 crores and sent to Government of India. G.O.I. did not agree to the proposals and suggested to take up one pilot project covering all the works. Accordingly Keshava nagar slum was selected for Pilot project at an estimated cost of 59 crores. The G.O.I. approved the pilot project on 19-1-2012 and released the budget. Since then no work was taken up.

Forum for Good Governance filing R.T.I. application collected information from GHMC, which is shocking. As against 1476 slums needing basic civic amenities only 2 slums i.e. Keshavanagar and I.D.H. Colony were taken up during last 5 years by spending 9.8 crores. Which includes 2.47 crores given to two consultants for preparation of D.P.R.?

When 30 crore people living in 1476 slums in dire need of basic civic amenities the GHMC is planning to taken up Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP) costing approximately Rs. 21,000 crores. In hurry action plan was prepared without even financial and operational model of the project and government in 48 hours cleared the project costing 4051 crores. (as a first stage) vide G.O. Ms. No. 208 dated 30-5-2015 for construction of Skyways, Major corridors, Grade separators, Flyovers as multi pronged SRDP programme fitting into the larger vision to make Hyderabad as a global smart city. The location of works proposed to be taken up include

- 1. K.B.R. Park road
- 2. Maharaja Agrasen Junction
- 3. Cancer Hospital Junction
- 4. Film Nagar
- 5. Road No. 45 Junction
- 6. Jubilee hills check post and some other places

The SRDP is not immediately required for the common man in Hyderabad. No doubt there is congestion on the roads and traffic Jams are causing lot of inconvenience to people. About 5 years back after taking this aspect into consideration detailed survey was done and Metro rail project was taken up which is likely to be completed within a years. Metro rail is expected to carry bulk passenger load their by reducing traffic jams on the road. Without giving a trial to Metro rail, the GHMC is rushing with a new project SRDP at huge cost.

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In the year 2010 the GHMC council passed resolution to develop 1476 slums in 5 years period. Now the Commissioner GHMC want to ignore the slum development works and changing the priorities is takein up SRDP which benefits contractors, officials and politicians at the cost of ex-chequre.

Forum for Good Governance requests the Hon'able Chief Minister to issue instructions to GHMC to first concentrate on the development of 1476 slums so that 30 lakh people denied of housing, clean drinking water, Roads, Sanitation etc. are provided with basic amenities.

Yours Sincerely

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