

Press Release

B.PAC suggests 5 Bengaluru Corporations in its submission to Expert committee, BBMP Restructuring

Bangalore, February 12, 2015: B.PAC made its submission today to BBMP restructuring expert committee with recommendation to restructure BBMP into 5 corporations.

Mr. T.V.Mohandas Pai, Vice President, Ms. Revathy Ashok, CEO & Managing Trustee, B.PAC, Dr. Hari Parameshwar, Head of Regulatory affairs, B.PAC, Mr. R. K. Misra, Director, Center for Smart Cities & others made the detailed presentation of the paper to BBMP expert committee headed by Mr. B. S. Patil, IAS(Retd) & Mr. Siddaiah & Mr. Ravichandar, Members.

B.PAC's recommendation to restructure Bengaluru into 5 Corporations is based on the detailed analysis of data on revenue generation possibilities, population density, political considerations, administrative aptness, regional growth potential etc. and also in comparison with other metros.

The highlights of the recommendations are:

- 5 proposed corporations are Bengaluru Central(erstwhile BMP), North (Yelhanka & Dasarahalli), South (Bommanahalli), East (Mahadevapura) and West (RR Nagar)
- Core Bengaluru (erstwhile BMP) is retained as Bengaluru Central
- 4 corporations (Bengaluru East, West, South and North) on the periphery provide opportunity for future growth and development
- Wards in these 4 Corporations to be reorganised with a population of 20,000 per ward given their low population density & future growth
- Existing administrative boundaries will undergo minimal disruption as existing zones are being designated as new Corporations
- Provides competitive edge for all 5 corporations
- Full-time Mayors for a period of 5 years directly elected by citizens
- Apart from elected Corporators, each City Corporation council to also include eminent citizens & domain experts through nominations
- Corporation to be headed by a Commissioner of the City for 5 years based on competence & familiarity with Urban issues through a global search
- Separate Police Commissioner for each corporation
- Focus on technology, e-governance and advanced infrastructure
- Bengaluru Metropolitan Council (BMC) for centralized planning and resource utilization
- Bengaluru Infrastructure Development Corporation (BIDC) to be created in place of BDA with responsibility for all major infrastructure development & maintenance across all 5 Corporations including :

Major roads (Arterial & Sub Arterial Roads)

Storm water drains

Lakes

Forest

- Many recommendations to strengthen the finances of corporations include:
 - A percentage of the professional tax to be earmarked for the respective Corporations
 - 50% of the stamp duties and 50% of the road tax from the corporation limits for city development
 - Infrastructure cess on petrol & diesel to be utilized by the corporations
 - Infrastructure cess of Rs. 100 per sq ft for the newer corporations for new development to fund growing infrastructure needs of these peripheral areas

After making submissions Mr. Mohandas Pai, Vice President B.PAC said “Bengaluru has the potential to grow at the peripheral areas and each corporation could generate its own revenue. We suggested the expert committee to facilitate a logical restructuring looking at the projected data and scope for future expansion.”

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