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# PROPOSAL TO BBMP BUDGET FY 2019 -20

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## About B.PAC

Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) is a non-partisan, 'not for profit' trust that aims to improve governance in Bangalore and to enhance the quality of life of every citizen. B.PAC is specifically targeting good governance practices, integrity and transparency in all arms of the government, improving the quality of infrastructure in the city, identification and support of strong candidates for public office at all levels of governance in Bangalore city and the creation of a safer city where the rule of law is ensured for all citizens of Bangalore as highlighted in B.PAC's charter.

## Highlights of FY 2018 - 19 budget

		FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18 (RE)	FY 2018-19 (BE)
		(Rupees in crores)			
1	Property tax	₹ 1,403	₹ 1,725	₹ 1,777	₹ 3,100
2	Fees and Fine	₹ 606	₹ 662	₹ 845	₹ 1,313
3	Other Incomes	₹ 446	₹ 635	₹ 645	₹ 1,099
4	Receipts from BBMP properties	₹ 26	₹ 18	₹ 21	₹ 91
5	Advertisement taxes	₹ 3	₹ 28	₹ 27	₹ 90
6	Total own revenues	₹ 2,484	₹ 3,068	₹ 3,315	₹ 5,693
7	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>₹ 5,246</b>	<b>₹ 6,572</b>	<b>₹ 7,514</b>	<b>₹ 10,129</b>
	% of own revenue to receipts	47.35%	46.68%	44.12%	56.20%

Table 1: Total Own revenues of BBMP

BBMP's budget for FY 2018 - 19 was estimated at INR 10129 crs, which was 35 % higher than the revised estimates for FY 2017 - 18 (INR 7513 crs). A time - series data of the percentage of own revenue to total receipts shows that, in the budget estimates for FY 19, the % of own revenues to total receipts is expected to increase from 44% (in FY 18 budget) to 56% (in FY 19 budget).

The expenditure of BBMP has increased by 95% as per the budget estimates of FY 19; from 5198 cr (FY 15) to 10104 crores in (FY 19)

The population of Bangalore has grown by 29.0 %, from 0.9 cr (2011) to 1.24 cr (2018). The requirement varies significantly from one ward to the other and, it is the need of the hour to address the requirements of the ward in a decentralized manner. For the financial year 2019-20 budget, B.PAC, after consulting field experts and civic leaders is proposing **the following to be considered while preparing the budget for FY 19 - 20.**

### **I. Road related infrastructure**

- Uniform design specifications for residential roads of 20 to 40 feet wide prepared by experts (according to IRC standards)

### **II. Lakes and Urban forestry and environmental management**

- Maintenance fund
  1. A maintenance fund has to be created by BBMP under the department of Lakes and Urban forestry & environment management, which will allocate funds specifically for maintenance of lakes, parks and playgrounds
  2. The maintenance fund should be a pooled fund which can receive allocations from the State Government, BBMP and CSR contribution towards maintenance of lakes, parks and playgrounds
  3. The maintenance has to be carried out in regular intervals and has to be strictly executed by BBMP from the pooled fund
- Tree Plantation
  1. The tree committees which have been formed, need to be empowered and should be given clarity on how to execute the plantation drives. The tree committee should carry out a detailed study of the existing species of trees and draw a roadmap to plant and maintain the trees in the city.
- Air quality monitoring sensors
  1. Installation of air quality monitoring sensors in high density traffic areas to monitor the level of PM 2.5 and PM 10 on regular intervals
  2. Post that, the data collected from these sensors should be made available to public and
  3. Constitute a joint coordination committee has to be set up with all relevant stakeholders to draw a plan in effort to reduce the pollution levels in such high density areas

### **III. Public amenities**

- BBMP should facilitate the construction and maintenance of waiting rooms for women in market and other high density areas. The waiting room should have provisions for medical emergencies and menstrual care, with sufficient amenities for resting purpose
- *Parking areas*
  1. The major roads in the city needs to be identify a few parking places and ensure pay and park system is strictly enforced.

- *Bus stops*
  1. BBMP in consultation with experts should create a standardized design for bus stops with CCTV cameras, Passenger Information System and safety alarms to help the commuters.
  2. Bus stops which are located right after the junctions/intersections are creating traffic gridlocks in several locations in the city. A study of such locations need to be undertaken so as to relocate the bus stops to ensure passenger safety and avoid congestions.

#### **IV. Solid Waste Management**

- *Segregation and Collection*
  1. Deploy state of the art equipments, such as, vacuum litter to collect waste from the arterial and sub arterial roads of the city
  2. Set up scientific transfer points wherein waste from smaller vehicle is directly loaded to bigger vehicles
  3. Approximately, 3500 tonnes of construction and demolition waste is generated in a day in the city. BBMP should start collection centres to collect C&D waste at each assembly constituency or ward level, depending on the quantum of waste generated in the locality
- Abandoned vehicles on the roads and footpaths add to the traffic misery of the city. BBMP should identify such abandoned vehicles at the ward level and coordinate with the traffic police to suitably dispose the abandoned vehicles following due procedures.
- Accommodate decentralized waste processing units at ward level which will compost generated waste from religious places, leaves generating from parks/streets and other common places.
- At each ward level, BBMP should commission a plate bank with steel plates, cups and glasses which residents can rent at nominal rate. By undertaking this initiative will be anti-plastic and anti-trash.

#### **V. Health, Education and Welfare**

- *Health*
  1. BBMP should undertake a health assessment survey at ward level on annual basis.
  2. These must be compiled and analyzed in order to produce a disease map for each ward. This will help to provide immediate assistance at the outbreak of diseases.
- *Education*
  1. BBMP should appoint an Empowered Committee to monitor BBMP schools and set targets for them to achieve.

## **VI. Estates**

- *BBMP Vacant Lands*
  1. BBMP should create a repository of all their vacant lands and make the same available on public domain
  2. Further to this, vacant piece of land could facilitate citizen centric activities and other civic amenities.
- *BBMP Commercial complexes*
  1. Rational monetization of vacant and occupied commercial complexes at market rates to increase the own revenue of BBMP
  2. Responsible waste management to be ensured in all BBMP Commercial complexes.

## **VII. Revenue:**

- *Property tax*
  1. As per FY 2017 - 18 revised estimates, the percentage of property tax to total receipts is 24 %. There is a large variation in the amount of property tax collected at zonal levels.
  2. The annual collection of total property tax collected and how it was utilized by each ward should be made available on BBMP's website.
  3. The information of defaulters should be published in circle or on a public forum to drive transparency and accountability
- Tax on advertisement and publicity material to be revised. Illegal hoardings to be fined 3 times normal tax. A tax should be levied on hoardings and publicity on private property visible from the roads.
- A tax to be levied on water drawn from tube wells within the city and sold commercially. This tax should be used for funding water supply augmentation schemes for the public.
- 50 % of the parking fees, cable charges, hoarding revenue should be earmarked for the development of the respective wards and zones

## **VIII. General**

- BBMP should earmark a fixed amount in every financial year for maintenance of their website and to update details of works undertaken and implemented at ward level
- An e-library should be commissioned by BBMP which acts like a repository of all the data regarding job codes, work orders, payment status
- BBMP should commission an interactive platform to provide regular updates on all the infrastructure projects which are passed during the FY 2018-19 budget.

- A single point of contact cell for all necessary clearances at BBMP central office under Commissioner to facilitate implementation of civic improvement projects by institutions/corporates under CSR support/RWAs. This cell should issue approvals to proposals in a timely manner(15 days) to help implementation of the project.
- BBMP should hold consultation meeting with citizens prior to undertaking any infrastructural development works in the ward. The notice of such consultation meeting should be displayed at ward office and on BBMP website

