Budget Speech
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in respect of
Demand No. 72

For the year 2019 – 2020
Hon’ble Mr. Speaker Sir,

On the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move that under the Demand No. 72, a sum of Rs.109302164000/- (Ten thousand nine hundred thirty crore, twenty one lakh and sixty four thousand) only be granted as voted expenditure for the Financial Year 2019-20 under the major heads 2052, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2235, 3451, 3475, 3604, 4216, 4217 & 6217. This includes a sum total of Rs.3643,40,58,000/- (Three thousand six hundred forty three crore forty lakh and fifty eight thousand) only already voted on account.

“Development is a substantive concept and once it is achieved it will address all the socio-cultural and environmental ills of the society”. Eight years ago when we started our journey of development, under the leadership and guidance of our revered Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee, we took a huge challenge with high population density, poor governance, feeble infrastructure and very weak urban services. To tackle the challenges, we have tried to propagate the process of urbanization towards peri-urban areas with better infrastructure so that better civic services could be provided along with the notified urban areas. The vision of our Chief Minister is holistic. Be it social or cultural, Urban or Rural, environmental or industrial we never segregated or compartmented the development.

The last century saw a qualitative change in the nature of cities. While, in the previous centuries, cities were compact; rapid industrialization, invention of automobiles, cheap land and inexpensive fossil fuels led to the emergence of dispersed cities.
As automobiles became popular, more and more infrastructure such as roads began to be built. This led to the deterioration of environmental parameters of cities, increased footprints and impermeable surfaces, reducing water availability and quality, reducing greenery and increasing air and noise pollution. The adverse effects of this automobile-led growth of cities led planners and urban managers to look for innovative ways to promote economic and urban growth with minimum environmental impact.

Several theories and concepts addressing the problem continue to be developed. The idea of sustainable economic growth was introduced in the 1980s. That economic growth, environmental preservation and social development could be reconciled was subsequently demonstrated. Concepts of walkable neighbourhoods and mixed land use were advocated to limit dispersed urban expansion of cities. Concepts such as sustainable city, green urbanism, livable city, compact city are at the centre of the discussions surrounding city designs, urban form, use of natural resources, energy use, all linked to urban sustainability.

In fact, urbanization, across the world, especially in developing world, is perhaps the most critical issue of the twenty first century. During last eight years we have constituted ten more development authorities to reach the goal. We have developed new market place, extended facilities for pilgrims in and around important centre of pilgrimage, initiated modern urban facilities, made major intervention in road infrastructure and created environmentally sustainable green space and extended community health infrastructure across all the urban space. We have succeeded to improve and extend the road network, to create huge sewerage and drainage network, to establish water supply projects and to scientifically manage the disposal of waste across all urban areas. Professionally handled civic services have reached farthest and backward most corner of Urban Local Bodies.
With climate change occupying center-stage in the public debate in the current century, energy and resource efficiency came to the centre of the discussion on development of sustainable cities. These developments culminated in the development of the term “green” with relation to cities, signifying sustainability and eco-friendliness.

Concomitant with climate change issues, air and water pollution became a matter of increasing concern. While climate change is an important issue, yet its causes and effects are felt at a scale much larger than a city; pollution impacts began to be observed and measured at the sub-city level. The immediate health effects of air and water pollution brought an urgency to planning for addressing pollution. Greening cities thus became a matter of immediate necessity.

**Scenario in West Bengal**

Along with the rest of India, West Bengal too is facing rapid urbanization. The state’s urban population rose from 27.8% in 2001 to 31.0% in 2011. It is estimated that the majority of its population would reside in the cities in a few decades, within 2039 by certain estimates. The State Government has published its township policy. It lays emphasis on providing affordable housing for the poor and creating jobs through giving an economic focus in planning, that is, by earmarking non-residential areas that would form clusters of investments and growth. This alone was not enough. To make development, sustainable, it was necessary to plan for cities that would be sustainable, resilient, environment-friendly, livable, energy positive, IT-friendly and safe. This led to the launch of the Green City Mission in all municipalities, municipal corporations and in the jurisdiction of Development Authorities.

Delhi had always been on the radar of the environmentalists due to the rapidly deteriorating air quality. While pollution in
Delhi hit the national headlines in the latter part of last year, Kolkata followed quickly and registered an air quality even worse than Delhi for a period! New Delhi based research and advocacy agency, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) analyzing the data from the official ambient monitoring reported by the Central Pollution Control Board and West Bengal State Pollution Control Board reported that particulate levels (PM10) in 78 per cent of cities in West Bengal exceed the standards. All cities exceed the NO2 standard. This is a warning bell. Acting rapidly on such findings, the state government decided to initiate a programme to improve the physical environment in the cities in Bengal.

Cleanliness was most neglected part during earlier regime. Our consistent and committed efforts have changed the scenario completely. We have made the cities clean, green and beautiful and have made it a habit to maintain it. Mission NIRMAL BANGLA and GREEN CITY MISSION are few steps for creating environmentally and ecologically balanced and sustainable urban space. Vital interventions have been made under Solid Waste Management for creating awareness among ULBs, Development Authorities and citizens for visible impact. The scarcity of urban housing especially for urban poor has been addressed properly and a new scheme ‘Banglar Bari’ has been introduced. We have introduced a new scheme, namely, SOMOBYATHI, in order to provide financial support to the very poor families for performing the last rites (burial / cremation).

Apart from formulation and execution of schemes we have introduced several reforms or going to introduce some major shifts in policy.

During recent years we have taken up major water supply projects most of which are either completed or going to be completed. During review it is observed that huge amount of O & M cost has to be borne by us for such big Water Supply Projects. Moreover different Urban bodies are running these projects in
different manner which has direct implication in efficiency, output& expenditure. In view of this we are going to formulate a state water policy for a general guideline for optimum efficiency and proper maintenance.

Regarding efficient utilization of fund for development we have introduced some changes for better financial management and timely utilization of fund ensuring completion of schemes in time. Rapid scrutiny protocol - a web-based software has already been introduced for complete project evaluation and management which will be convenient for the Urban Local Body easing official complication and ensuring timely disbursement of fund. During last financial year we have adopted different approach of releasing of fund in favour of Urban Local Bodies as well as to the parastatals which resulted in 96% utilization of budget provision.

Another major reform we are going to formulate regarding Solid Waste Management (SWM). It is agreed by all that Waste Management is going to be the stiffest challenge for the city managers for the years to come. We are going to formulate a complete policy for the state with cluster approach which will ensure proper management, optimum utilization of land fill, reclamation of the existing land fill and recycling of the waste.

To facilitate Industrialists/entrepreneurs for setting up new industries/enterprises/business units and to provide them hassle free e-services of different Govt Departments, we started the Project named “Ease of Doing Business” (EoDB) in 2015. Different reforms points of the governmental procedure of sanction/licensing/permission have been identified and Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) has been prepared to implement those points and to achieve the targets of EoDB under BRAP-2019.

A comprehensive health study of the existing bridges in the KMDA area has been one of the important priorities of the
Government. Department has set up a Bridge Advisory Committee to conduct a health study of the bridges. The Committee, constituted in with experts from structural engineering, traffic experts and other specialties, has already taken up the exercise. Currently specialist organizations are carrying out the in-depth study under the guidance of the committee.

During review of different Acts and Rules which are meant for the governance of urban areas, it is observed that there is a huge scope of reforms by avoiding complications and introducing new amendments in a holistic approach. For identification of the areas a committee has been set up with the legal experts for thorough review of all the Acts and Rules related to this department. The Committee is going to place its opinion shortly.

Some of the major infrastructural projects undertaken by this Department in 2018-19 that have made major impact are as follows:

1. Erection of Dakshineswar Sky walk at temple area at a cost of Rs.65.16 Cr
2. Floating Market at Patuli at a cost of Rs.6.76 Cr
3. Digha Convention Centre under DSDA at a cost of Rs. 70.62 Cr.
4. Water supply project at Coochbehar at a cost of Rs. 43 Cr.
5. Water supply project at Dubrajpur at a cost of Rs. 27.56 Cr
6. West Bound ramp of Maa Flyover at a cost of Rs. 80 Crs.
7. Design and Construction of proposed underpass at 2(Two) locations viz Narkeldanga Main Road crossing (Swabhumi) and Beliaghata Crossing at a cost of Rs. 33.59 Cr
8. Environmental Friendly Nature Park at Lataguri amounting to Rs. 9.20 Cr of SJDA

9. Construction of 5Km. driveway from Digha Welcome Gate to Naikali Mandir, Digha, Purba Medinipur amounting to Rs. 9.45 Cr of DSDA

10. Construction of EWS flats at Gitabitan Township in Bolpur at a cost of Rs. 7.41 Cr.

11. Construction of roads and surface drain at Jamuria Industrial Area, at a cost of Rs. 7.21 Cr

12. Construction of Pucca road from NH-6 Bypass Kansai Bridge to Mahapur Ganga Mandir under Panskura - I Block, at a cost of Rs. 1.47 lakh of HDA.

13. Construction of ‘SUBHANNA’ building at a cost of Rs. 34.79 Cr.

14. Smart Street Lighting with CCMS has been launched in 5 ULBs for ensuring energy savings, cost savings & better maintenance.

15. Air Quality Monitoring Stations at 25 ULBs are being installed by West Bengal Pollution Control Board at a cost of 17.50 Crs. approved by this Department.

16. Restoration, Retrofitting and Renovation of Historical Town Hall at a cost of Rs. 28.54 Cr. The renovated Town Hall will be unveiled by the beginning of 2020.

Core Plan:

The core plan is accessed by all the sixteen (16) Development Authorities and five (5) Planning Authorities and one (1) Improvement Trust of Howrah and Salt Lake Reclamation and
Development Circle, Estate Manager, Kalyani and 125 urban local bodies under the administrative control of the department for development of infrastructure and creating environmentally balanced, healthy living conditions for the people.

**Major Achievements of Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs during 2018-19:**


The Mission aims for improvement through various components like Greening, Blueing, Beautification, Landscaping, Installation of LED lights, Solar Power, Solid Waste Management, IT enabled grievance redressal system, Eco-friendly transportation, CCTV etc. in a planned and systematic manner in phases. Projects for Beautification of Road Median, Conservation of Water Bodies, Illumination through LED Lights, High Mast Lights, Landscaping along Historic Buildings / important locations in cities, Parks/ Green Space Development, CCTV, Beautification of frontage of Hospitals and afforestation have been sanctioned under this Mission in various ULBs and Development Authorities.

During the financial year 2018-19 (till 09.01.2019), Administrative Approval for 980 projects with estimated project cost of Rs. 448 Crore, to be implemented by 63 ULBs, 11 Development Authorities & 1 State Govt. Undertaking company (WBSEDCL) have been accorded.
Some of the major on-going schemes of 2018-2019 are:

(1) Development and Beautification of Eco Tourism Complex at Sahebbandh and Reconditioning of Subhash Park at Purulia.

(1) Beautification of Bhagat Singh Play Ground at Durgapur Municipal Corporation.

(2) Conversion of aerial electrical lines to underground cables in the Heritage towns of Coochbehar and Nabadwip.

(3) Sector-wise intervention under Green City Mission in the Financial Year 2018-2019:

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Some of the major proposed schemes of 2019-2020 are:

(1) Street Electrification through 16m high mast system at Domkal Municipality

(2) Replacement of existing LED light fittings at Haldia Municipality.

(3) Supply, Erection, fitting and fixing of Octagonal Pole with LED street lights at Gangarampore Municipality.

For the financial year 2019-20, Rs. 460.00 Crore has been proposed for allocation under Green City Mission in the State Budget.

**Roadmap for the Future:**

The Green City Mission has achieved a degree of maturity over the last three years. There is significant convergence between government departments and parastatals during planning and implementation of the projects. A large number of assets have been created, the maintenance of which would be a challenge in the years to come. Also most of the assets created are not revenue generating. The city governments will therefore have to work out a model to earn additional revenue to maintain these assets.

The government is exploring a few alternative means of financing Green City projects. One is an annuity model for installation of street lights which ensures Operation and Maintenance for seven years against annual payments. There is enormous scope for the participation of the private sector in several areas, such as development of theme parks, ropeways and other facilities of tourist interest.
Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA):

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Underpass at the Narkeldanga Main Road crossing near Swabhumi and at the Beliaghata Crossing on Eastern Metropolitan Bye-pass,

ii) Dakshineswar Sky Walk

iii) Construction of a 6.5 km long elevated road between Jinjira Bazar and Batanagar on Budge Budge Trunk Road.

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Trans-municipal Water Supply Scheme for Dankuni, Uttarpara, Konnagar, Rishra, Seerampore, Baidyabati and Champdani Municipality.

ii) Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme with South Dum Dum Municipality

iii) Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Rajpur-Sonarpur Municipality.

iv) Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme of Madhyamgram Municipality

v) 10 MGD Capacity WTP with 1 MG CWR with all electromechanical equipments at Padmapukur in Howrah Municipal Corporation area

vi) Storm Water Drainage Project for Naihati Municipality
vii) Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme of Bansberia Municipality

viii) Storm Water Drainage Project for Konnagar Municipality

ix) Municipal Surface Water Supply Project (Augmentation) for Municipal Areas covered under the Jurisdiction of Howrah Municipal Corporation

x) Construction of G+5 storied Logistic Hub at Garden Reach

xi) Solid Waste Management Project for Dum Dum, North Dum Dum, South Dum Dum, Baranagar Municipality

xii) Construction of 3 major RCC Bridges at three locations viz., Metropolitan (CH KM 5+282), Laskarhat (CH KM 9+150) and Kalikapur (CH KM 11+150) on Eastern Metropolitan Bye-Pass, Kolkata


xiv) ECO park at the site of water treatment plant at Madhyamgram, Panihara, North 24-Paraganas

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Repair & Renovation of road along both flanks of Adi Ganga from Kamalgazi to Padmapukur.

ii) Jadavpur Flyover

iii) Collegemore Flyover
iv) Construction of Ramp from Garden Reach flyover to Bracebridge.

v) Construction of Auditorium at Amtala, Bishnupur, 24 Parganas, South.

vi) Augmentation of water supply scheme for Kalyani, Gayeshpur, Halisahar and Naihati Municipality, Phase-II.

vii) Transmunicipal water supply project of Maheestala, Pujali and Budge Budge Municipality.

viii) Construction of Bridge over Midnapur Cannel & Road from Uluberia Jetty Ghat to Ganagarampur.

ix) Storm water drainage system at Garulia municipality

x) Surface Water supply Scheme of Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality under AMRUT, Phase-II

xi) Augmentation of Municipal surface water supply for North Dum Dum Municipality under AMRUT.

xii) Health audit of all KMDA bridges, fly-overs, culverts:

1. As per recommendation of the Advisory Committee on bridges and Grade Separated Structures.

2. as per inspection reports of flyovers, bridges, culverts submitted by Six groups constituted vide order no.754/KMDA/2M-17/2018 dtd.07.09.2018.

**Howrah Improvement Trust (HIT)**

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:
i) Construction of 5 Roads at Ward no. 8, 48, 64, 52, of Howrah Municipal Corporation.

ii) Construction of 6 Roads under Panchayat areas.


iv) Improvement of Drainage network within Ward No - 52 of HMC.

v) Beautification and conservation of lake near Bus Terminus of Route No 72 at Dumurjola under HMC Ward no. 43, P.S.: Bantra, Howrah 711102

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Football Stadium on the HIT Play Ground under HIT Scheme No. –VI, Ghusuri, Howrah

ii) Upgradation and Development of proposed Bituminus road with allied works including Sewer line and water mains from Mahendra Bhattacharya road (near Dalal pukur) to East Avenue (extension) under HIT Scheme-II, Howrah,

iii) Construction of Bituminus and concrete road from Haulibagan Bus stand to Murti Doctors Chamber under Jolabiswanathpur Panchla Gram Panchayat, Howrah,

iv) Construction of Prakriti Tirth at Ghusuri, Howrah,

v) Construction of Old Age Home at Ghusuri, Howrah (2nd phase).

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Construction of new Road from Kamardanga Police academy to Howrah Amta Road at Baltikuri.
ii) Construction of Concrete Road at Unsani Dakhinpara under HMC ward no.46 and from Benaras Road to HMC dumping yard at Belgachia.

iii) Construction of concrete Road & RCC Box Drain including Street light from Belanagar Rail Station to National Highway 2 at Bamundanga.

iv) Improvement of drainage system & Road at Chhotelal Misra Lane, Liluah, Howrah

v) Construction of roads, pavements and box-drains within different wards of Howrah Municipal Corporation.

Asansol Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA)

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Construction of Cement Concrete Road at Old Sitarampur Muslimpara, ward no. 18 under Asansol Municipal Corporation.

ii) Improvement of existing bituminous road from Purana Mall More to Nimcha Kanta under Raniganj Block, Burdwan.

iii) Improvement of road from Graphite India Limited Factory to Namo Sagarbhanga within DMC area.

iv) Illumination of road from Royalty more to Vivekananda School with LED lights and steel tubular poles within Andal Block.
Important ongoing Schemes are:

i) Construction of By-Pass Road from Goshala More to Electricity Sub-Station at Domohani Bazar under Barabani Police Station

ii) Improvement of Road and Drainage network at Sector-H, Kanyapur Satellite Township, Asansol.

iii) Construction of Road (Bituminous & Cement Concrete) including surface drain at Jamuria Industrial Area within Jamuria Block [Phase - II]

iv) Improvement of Road from Punuri to Chalbalpur, AMC (Kulti), Asansol

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Widening and improvement of road Sahid Khudiram Sarani from Gandhi More to PCBL Rotary, Bidhannagar with DMC Area.

ii) Improvement, widening and construction of Bituminous Road and cement concrete rigid pavement at village areas from Jamuria to Darbardanga under AMC

Haldia Development Authority (HDA)

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Construction of Sahid Matangini Hazra Govt. Degree College for Woman (Phase-II: 1st Floor and allied works) at Nimtouri, Tamluk, Purba Medinipur.
ii) Construction of Black top road from Ganja Narayanpur to Donipur under Nandakumar Block.

iii) Anti erosion work of left embankment in between Sankar Bari house and Matara Brick Field of river Rupnarayan at mouza – Mayachar, P.S. – Mahishadal.

iv) Construction of concrete road from Santipur (Mecheda) to Hogalberia (Ramtarak Hat).

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Up-gradation, repairing and re-surfacing of industrial road with concrete paver block/ bituminous concrete layer from HPL Link Road to the Electro Steel Castings Industrial. Repairing of Reapara Tallah Road via Gholpukur (Ph-I)

ii) Construction of concrete road from Pralay Guria House (Kandapasara) to Tengua Bridge via Kandapasara Bridge and Amtalya under Nandigram-I Panchayet Samity. Construction of Concrete Road from Chowkhal Bazar to Kokil More (Ph-I)

iii) Construction of concrete road from Gopalpur Bus Stop to Ghasipur Babubazar via Kamalpur & Satish Samanta residence under Mahishadal Panchayet Samity.

iv) Construction of concrete road from Tamluk Haldia Pucca Road to Narayanpur River embankment via Ichhapur Panchgrami High School under Nandakumar Panchayet Samity.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:-

i) Development of public road infrastructure from Township to Durgachak Level Crossing (Part-I)
ii) Construction of Decorative Watch Tower at City Centre, Haldia.


**Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA)**

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:-

i) Pond beautification of Rajbari Dighi.

ii) Connecting and approach road for 5th Mahananda bridge.

iii) Bituminous road from Gurung basti to Milan more.

iv) Beautification of Kanteswary Pond at Jalpaiguri.

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Beautification with protection work at Kalusaheb Masjid Dighi at Puratan Masjid Ward No. 15 under Jalpaiguri Municipality Jalpaiguri (Civil Part)

ii) Construction for strengthening both bank of Pagla Jhora within Mal Municipality area, Dist-Jalpaiguri

iii) Construction of Truck Parking Space in Integrated Check Post Fulbari Jalpaiguri

iv) Construction of Bituminous Road from Korani Para More to Karala Bandth with linking road Vetar Koranipara Rail line to Sanupara road and from Koranipara Sanupara junction
to Deoniapara Rail line with Linking road Dangabari-
Deoniapara, Jalpaiguri

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:-


ii) Construction of ‘Banglar Bari’ at Composite Complex Phase-
II, P.O. & Dist. Jalpaiguri, Construction of 64 dwelling units
(32+32 Units) on two nos. of 4 storied Towers including
Electrification works

Burdwan Development Authoity (BDA)

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-
19 are:

i) Execution fencing and beautification of the park at Abasarika
at Parbirhata in front of the Municipality Toilet. Construction
of Bituminus Road from Anjirbagan By-pass More to
Irrigation Bunglow.

ii) Beautification of the area surrounding Sarbamangala Temple
Complex (Comprehensive Beautification Scheme Phase- II
informal shops for rehabilitation & Phase-III Beautification
proposed shop area).

iii) Construction of Bituminous road from Thalassemia Hospital
to Biswajit Dutta’s House via Pronob Biswas’s house at
Baikunthapur-I GP (Gosaipara).

iv) Construction of Bituminous Road at Bijoyram Village from
Bijoyram Bus Stand to Chakchake Kabarstan under Rayan-I
GP of Burdwan Planning Area, Burdwan
Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Banka Beautification project at Birhata, Burdwan

ii) Development and Beautification Road from Golapbag More to Bidhan Roy Statue near Krishna Sayar park and Beautification of the Right Side of the Road including Jhill (Ditch) in the area of the Burdwan University at Golopbag Campus Part A- Civil work for Development and Beautification of Road

iii) Beautification of G.T. Road side pond in Police Line, Purba Bardhaman


Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20 :

i) Retrofitting of water body in Police Line, Purba Bardhaman.

ii) Construction of ghat Banka River near Alamganj Tarik Mahal under Ward No. 23 Burdwan Municipality.

iii) Construction of concrete road and drain inside Indrokanon at ward No 12 under Burdwan Municipality.

**Midnapore Kharagpur Development Authority (MKDA):**

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:-

i) Strengthening of Bituminous Road from Sepoy Bazar Chak
towards VSN School via Additional SP Banglow and Mission Girls High School at Ward No. 4 within Midnapore Municipality

ii) Strengthening of Bituminous Road from Gandhi Statue towards Nanur Chawk (Aurobinda Stadium Road) including side drain at Ward No: 05 Under Midnapore Municipality

iii) Strengthening and repairing of bituminous road from Golapichak towards Vidyasagar University main road at 4 no Kankaboti GP under Midnapore Sadar Panchayet Samity (1st & 2nd phase) with concrete drain

iv) Widening and Strengthening of Bituminous Road from Gope College water tank to Saldanga (Derua main Road) at Gope Garh at 4 no Kankaboti GP under Midnapore Sadar Panchayet Samity.

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of Bituminous Road from Kachhari Road (NH-60) towards Saula Village in 10 No. Karnagarh GP under Salboni Panchayet Samity.

ii) Construction of Bituminous Road from Sonakara Village towards Amratala in 10 No Karnagarh GP under Salboni Panchayet Samity

iii) Construction of Bituminous Road from Satkui Bus stoppage towards Paraj Motor via Satkui Masjid, Satkui Dhakshinpara SSK, Uttarpura at 7 no Gram Panchayet under Kharagpur I Panchayet Samity

iv) Widening of Concrete road and construction of road side concrete drain from Abash Indkuri Math to Giridhari Chawk via Kangaligunj Patna mouza in Siromoni G.P. No. 5 under Midnapur Sadar Panchayet Samity.
Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:-

i) Construction of Bituminous road from house of Ganesh Thapa towards Gotgerya (Gotgerya moorum quarry) at mouza-Dakshin Amchata & Uttar Amchata, JL No. 163 & 164 in Kankabotri G.P. No. 4 under Midnapur Sadar Panchayet Samity.

ii) Vidyasagar Memorial Hall & Community Hall (Mukto Mancha) Bansgali, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur

Sriniketan Santiniketan Development Authority (SSDA):

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:

i) Construction and development of high drain and culvert at Rathindrapally under Ruppur Gram Panchayat

ii) Boundary wall at Gitabitan Township at Shibpur Mouza under Raipur Supur-Gram panchayet (Part-I)

iii) Boundary wall at Gitabitan Township at Shibpur Mouza under Raipur Supur-Gram panchayet (Part-II)

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Proposed Ring Road at Visva Bharati Siksha Bhavan More on Sriniketan- Sriniketan Road to Shyambati Bazar on Sriniketan-Goalpara Road at Sriniketan, Birbhum

ii) Widening and Strengthening work of Bituminus Road from B.R. Road to Shyamali Main Canal under Ruppur Gram Panchyat.

iii) Construction of internal road at Biswa Bangla Biswa Vidyalaya near Gitabitan Township.
iv) Construction and Development of P.C.C Road at Rathindrapally (behind of Elmhirst), near H/o Mamata Shankar, Bolpur, Birbhum

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20 :

i) Development of Bituminous Road with foot path at Prantik Township, Santiniketan, Birbhum.

ii) Beautification works of Surotheswartala (including Community Hall) at Shibtala under Raipur-Supur Gram

iii) Thorough repairing of Gitanjali Auditorium.

**Digha Sankarpur Development Authority (DSDA):**

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows :

i) Administrative Building of DSDA

ii) Development of Parking Area near Helipad Ground at New Digha.

iii) Construction of Concrete Road in Mini Holiday Home, Economy Hotel & in B-1 Sector under DSDA

iv) Beautification of Triangular Park, New Digha

Important on-going Schemes are :

i) Construction of 5 Km. Driveway from Digha Welcome Gate to Nayakhali Mandir, Digha, Purba Midnapore.

ii) Construction of Convention centre at Digha

iii) Guest House of DSDA at Saikatabas Campus, Digha
iv) Repairing and strengthening of Digha Bye-pass road under DSDA.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Construction of Bituminous Road (Marine Drive) from DABANPATRABAR to SOULA CANEL under DSDA. (Part-A) (0.00Km-2.50 Km).

ii) Construction of Bituminous Road (Marine Drive) from DABANPATRABAR to SOULA CANEL under DSDA. (Part-B) (2.50Km-5.00 Km).

iii) Beach front beautification from Aparajita Cottage to Jagannath Ghat.

Jaigaon Development Authority (JDA)

Since there is no Municipality at Jaigaon, JDA is taking up several schemes of road construction, drain construction, road repairing, drinking water projects and street light projects.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:

i) Construction of Bituminous Road in between Sobin Chhetur’s house to Kamal Bahadur Mangar’s house at Upper G.B. Basty, Dalsingpara

ii) Construction of Black Top road from Rajendra Sha house to 16 No. Station at Station Line, Dalsingara.

iii) Construction of Black Top Road from DEBASHRCE Manger house to Prakash Rana house, Part No. 11/59

iv) Construction of Black Top Road back side of GNLZARI SICKCHI house to Kishore Thapa house, Naya, Line.
Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of proposed Bus Terminus at Jaigaon.

ii) Improvement of Drainage System by constructing High Drain along Jaigaon main road starting from Super Market area to Gopimohan Jhora at Jaigaon.


iv) PCC Road construction from the house of Mohini Thapa to Sirajul Ansari house at Majhi Line, Dalsingpara.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Landscaping & Beautification of N.S. & M.G. Road and its adjacent areas at Jaigaon.

ii) Construction of Road with high drain at Banga Line, Khokla Basty, Jaigaon.

**Gangasagar Bakkhali Development Authority (GBDA)**

GBDA was established in the year 2013 covering 9 mouzas. Out of 9 mouzas 7 mouzas fall in Block and Police Station - Sagar and the remaining 2 mouzas fall within Namkhana Block and Freserganj Coastal Police Station. It is a coastal development authority, site of famous Gangasagar Mela & year-round tourist in Sunderban. The total Planning area is 69.26 sq.km. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 266036.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:

i) Narrative Mural Art with artistic design, sculpture work &
fountain following the Mythology of Maharshi Kalipmuni & Gangasagar along with fencing of Dala Arcade and Nat-Mandir with MS Grill.

ii) Construction of Bituminous Road from Chemaguri FP School to Benuban Jetty at Sagar

iii) Construction of Bituminous Road from Gangasagar Helipad to Light House Road (Rana More) at Sagar

iv) Construction of Ground floor of Hospital Building at Sagar Mela ground Under GBDA

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Development of Picnic Ground with Boundary Wall at Bakkhali Construction of Bituminous Road from NH-117 Kaylaghata Bus Stop Kalisthan Sea beach via Basanta Road at Bakkhali.

ii) Construction of Concrete road from Purusottampur Gayen Bazar to Chamagari Jhau Gheri (Via Gangasagar)

iii) Construction of Children’s Park near ZP Bungalow and Youth Hostel at Gangasagar

iv) Construction of concrete road from Chemaguri Gangasagar road to Panu Majhi F.P School at Gangasagar

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Renovation of pond including floating fountain in front of kapil Muni Temple, Gangasagar

A) Renovation with Plantation  B) floating fountain with lighting arrangements
ii) Completion of unfinished 100 bedded dormitory at Gangasagar near ISKON Office.

iii) Renovation of Flood Shelter at R.K Mission at Manswadwip under Dhablat GP

Furfurah Sharif Development Authority (FSDA):

FSDA is famous for religious tourism. Furfura Sharif Development Authority was constituted in the year 2015 with 58 mouzas of Jangipara and Chanditala-I Block of Hooghly District as its Planning Area. The total Planning Area is 75.23 Sq.km. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 97288.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Construction of Sulabh Souchagar near Bus Stand including 1.5 HP Submersible Pump at Furfurah, Dist. Hooghly

ii) Construction of Concrete Road Starting from Bhimpur Ganga Bistu to Chabra Dar Bus Stand via House of Bistu Malik Under Furfura G.P., Dist. Hooghly

iii) Construction of Sport Ground (Construction of Gallery and Boundary wall 328 Mtr. Appx.) on Furfura YMA Ground, Mouza Furfura plot no.2467, area-0.34 acre, Plot No.-2480, Area-0.98 acre, Plot 2481, Area-0.06 acre., Under Jangipara P.S. Dist. Hooghly

iv) Establishment of Smart class room for study of science with smart board in Madrasa & two nos schools ie Dakshindihi High School, Nilarpur Raja Rammohan Vidyapith & Furfura Fateha Senior Madrasa (1A/hich includes smart board, proiector and one computer)
Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of Concrete Road Starting from Khajne Pota Beltala to House of Fajel Master via Char Saidan Majar at Furfura, Under Furfura G.P., Dist. Hooghly

ii) Construction of concrete road from house of Mansur to House of Jahangir to Korania Madrasa at Furfura under FGPlibrary facility with 10 computers and 1 projector in Dakshindihigh School

iii) Construction of Concrete Road Starting from Furfura Hospital to Raj Harir Danga via House of Abdul Gani, under Furfurah G.P., Dist. Hooghly

iv) Construction of Concrete Road Starting from Diamond Club to Gate of Boro Hujur via. Sofiques Shop, under Furfurah G.P., Dist. Hooghly

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Construction ECO Park and Beautification of the swimming pool and dressing room and pumping arrangement adjacent to Swimming pool (Children) at Jangipara DN High School ground under Jangipara GP

ii) Construction of 3 (Three) storied toilet block and Ujukhana infront of Dada Kebla Darbar Masjid under Furfura GP

**Tarapith Rampurhat Development Authority (TRDA)**

Tarapith Rampurhat Development Authority was constituted in the year 2015 with Rampurhat Municipality and 56 mouzas as its Planning Area. Out of 56 mouzas, 35 mouzas falls in Rampurhat Police Station and 21 mouzas in Margram Police
Station. It is famous for religious tourism. The Total Planning Area is 95.79 sq.km. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 135889.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Construction of road from Atla to Chakpara under TRDA

ii) Proposed B+G+II storied Administrative Building at Tarapith under TRDA.

iii) Construction of Box bridge near Chowphuka on Rampurhat-Pakhuria Road at Rampurhat

iv) Comprehensive Traffic & Parking Plan with passenger shed, vehicle bay, paid parking slot & other related work, Rhdh to Munsuba more & at various of Rampurhat.

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of TOE WALL at left side of Teghari to Sabji Bazaar Road under TRDA-in the district of Birbhum, under TRDA.

ii) Beautification of Mundalmalini Tala Ghat at Tarapith under TRDA

iii) Beautification of Biswa Bangla ghat at Tarapith under TRDA.

iv) MEGA TORAN at Munsuba More under Tarapith-Rampurhat Development Authority(TRDA), Birbhum.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Environmental and Up gradation of Tarapith Temple surrounding area (Phase-II)
ii) Construction of Road from Dumka Road (near Holly Home) to cannel via Majhipara towards Magura village under TRDA

Patharchapuri Development Authority (PDA)

Patharchapuri Development Authority was constituted in the year 2016 comprising of 14 nos. of Mouzas having area of 31.16 Sq.km. in Suri & Rajnagar Block of Birbhum District. It is famous for religious tourism. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 6620. A famous mela is held annually where a huge congregation of people takes place.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Gate Complex-2 at Patharchapuri Development Authority (PDA), Patharchaprui Mazar Darga Sahrif, Birbhum.

ii) Proposed Gate Complex-3 at PDA Paharchapuri Mazar Sharif

iii) Proposed single stroied Toilet Block 1 & 2 at Patharchapuri under PDA

iv) Construction of Road from proposed Patharchapuri development Authority office to Bonkati via patharchaopuri High School, Basirbaba mazar and Kusmasole

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of proposed G+1 storied Administrative building at Patharchapuri under PDA

ii) Beautification of existing pond within the area of patharchapuri Development Authority (phase -I)
iii) Beautification of existing pond within the area of patharchapuri Development Authority (phase-II)

iv) Construction of blacktop road from Sahabazar More to Nowadhi road via Nagari link road towards Patharchapuri in suri-1 block phase-1 (0.1.3km)

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:-

i) Construction of Road from Khurigah towards Jahanabad via Kalihir, Parkunda within Rajnagar Block.

ii) Construction of road from Tabadomra towards Dhopna via Mahisagram within Rajnagar Block.

iii) Comprehensive Development of area of Bhadrakali temple including construction of approach road boundary wall shed and electric light within Rajnagar Block.

**Bakreswar Development Authority (BKDA)**

Bakreswar Development Authority was constituted in the year 2016 with 42 mouzas having an area of 57.94 Sq.km in Dubrajpur Block of Birbhum District. It is famous for hot springs as tourist destination & also for religious tourism. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 266458.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Improvement of Bakreswar Bus Stand.

ii) Construction of Road from Alom Baba More towards Burning Ghat.

iii) Construction of Concrete Road from Main Road towards Burning Ghat.
Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of Welcome Gate at Bakreswar Bus Stand.

ii) Construction of Welcome Gate at Niramoy more near Ganesh Hotel.

iii) Electrical works of street light from BKDA office to Bakreswar river via Bakreswar Temple.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Safe drinking water Project.

ii) Construction of Concrete Road from Ekkabbarpur to Raban Hansda’s house.

**Mukutmonipur Development Authority (MDA)**

Mukutmanipur Development Authority was constituted in the year 2017 with the purpose of promotion of tourism as well as for a comprehensive development of the area of Mukutmanipur and its surroundings of Khatra Sub-division of Bankura district. The area under Mukutmanipur Development Authority comprises of 10 Mouzas of Hirbandh Block, 19 Mouzas of Khatra Block and 27 Mouzas of Ranibandh Block under Khatra Sub-division of Bankura District. Total geographical area under its jurisdiction is approximately 8749.656 hectares (87.50 sq.km.) covering entire Mukutmanipur Dam on river Kangsabati and some of its surrounding areas. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 8104.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are as follows:

i) Infrastructure Development of Mukutmonipur for beautification and improvement of Paver Blocs, Stainless Stell Railing, Boating Ticket Counter, 15 Nos. stalls, illumination
by LED & Trident Fittings, Gardening & others works of adjacent area of Kangasabati Dam under Mukutmonipur Dedvelopment Area.

ii) Repairing and Strengthening of Bituminus Road from Mukutmonipur to Baraghutu Panchapally Tourist Complex.

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Kendua Eco-tourism.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Welcome Gate at Mukutmanipur

ii) Administrative Building cum Guest House.

**Tarakeswar Development Authority (TDA)**

Tarakeswar Development Authority was constituted in the year 2017 for planned intervention of Tarakeswar and its vicinity and up-gradation of its overall physical environment, preservation of religious values and overall economic development of the sacred precinct.

Total geographical area under its jurisdiction is approximately 75.62 Sq.Km. comprising 7 (seven) Gram Panchayats and Tarakeswar Municipality having 56 (Fifty Six) numbers of mouzas to maintain geographical contiguity. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 159255.

Some of the important projects that have been completed in 2018-19 are:

i) Renovation and Beautification of Tarakeswar Temple Complex within Tarakeswar Municipality.
i) Tarakeswar welcome Gate on Baidyabati.

iii) Street lights at different places under TDA.

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:-

i) Storm water drainage system within the area of TDA

ii) Water Treatment plant, Dudhpukur

iii) Auditorium cum convention centre under TDA

**Changrabandha Development Authority (CDA)**

Changrabandha Development Authority was constituted in the year 2017 for planned intervention in Changrabandha, Mekhliganj, Haldibari Kuchlibari and its vicinity to upgrade its overall economic and infrastructure development and to boost rural urban interface to provide better quality of life in these backward areas and also add value to the international importance.

Total geographical area under its jurisdiction is approximately 439.14 Sq.Km. comprising of 108 No. Mouzas of 7 Gram Panchayat under Mekhliganj Police Station, 44 No. Mouzas of 4 Gram Panchayat under Kuchlibari Police Station, and 62 No. Mouzas of 6 Gram Panchayat and 1 Municipality under Haldibari Police Station. The population of this area as per census 2011 is 230353.

Some of the important projects that have been executed in 2018-19 are:

i) Extension of Boundary Wall on the eastern side of the Mekliganj Treasure Building alongside the Pucca Road at Mekliganj
ii) Procurement & Installation of 30 KVA Green Generator for the temporary office of the Changrabandha Development Authority i.e. the Office of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Mekliganj at Mekliganj

Important on-going Schemes are:

i) Construction of Passenger Shed at Aposer Khoar at Dangapara Samsad No.II within Hemkumari Gram Panchayet under Haldibari Development Block

ii) Construction of Community Drinking water point at Prahladad MSK within Hemkumari Gram Panchayat

iii) Construction of Community Drinking water point at Kamalakanta High School within Per Mekhliganj Gram Panchayat

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Dumping ground for Mekliganj Municipal area

ii) Construction of Park at Dangapara under Dakshin Bara Haldibari in Haldibari Block

Newtown Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA)

Important schemes to be taken up in 2019-20:

i) Construction of proposed community centre at plot no. DE/172, Action Area- ID of Newtown, Kolkata under NKDA.

ii) Construction of proposed community centre at plot no. 1947/12, Action Area- IIB of Newtown, Kolkata under NKDA.

West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (WB HIDCO Ltd.)
Important projects that have been executed in 2018-19 are:


Important ongoing schemes are:

i) Gitabitan Township at Bolpur.

ii) Construction of EWS Flats in Gitabitan Township, Bolpur.

Salt Lake Division (SLR & DC)

Important project that have been executed in 2018-19 are:

i) Construction of ‘SUBHANNA’ Building.

National Ganga River Basin Programme (NGRBA)

Work of Sewerage System with STP at Gayeshpur, Kalyani and Bhatpara are completed. Work of Sewerage System with STP at Halisahar, Budge Budge and Barrackpore are expected to be completed by the F.Y. 2019-20. 10 (ten) Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA & ES) have been received from NMCG in connection with Interception & Diversion with STP and aggregated approved cost thereof is Rs. 1526.94 Crore during 2017-18 and 2018-19.

7 (seven) out of 10 (ten) projects based on HAM-PPP Model and rest 3 (three) based on DBOT Model.

3 no. of DPRs relating to tributaries of Ganga submitted and approved by NMCG with aggregated estimated cost for Rs. 906.87 Crore.

Preparation of DPR for the project “Collection, Conveyance, Treatment and Disposal of Waste water from drainage basin in
Borough V, IX and XV of KMC" are in progress and expected to be completed by the F.Y. 2019-20.

**Other Efforts:**

- Creation of Gazoldoba Development Authority and area extension has been done for Gangasagar Bakkhali Development Authority and Haldia Development Authority.
- Land Use Development Control Plan had been adopted for Asansol Division of the Planning Area of ADDA.
- Amendment of NKDA Act, 2007 for extending the time for self-assessment and payment of Property Tax.
- Formulation of policy regarding allocation of land for IT/ITeS/Telecom projects for setting up Bengal Silicon Valley IT Hub measuring 200 acres (approx) within WBHIDCO area.
- Final proposal for declaration of Heritage Towns at Nabadwip and Coochbehar has been sent to Heritage Commission on the basis of the recommendation of IIT, Kharagpur and IIEST, Shibpur. The Heritage Commission has issues notice that it intense to declare them as Heritage Towns.

**SPECIAL INITIATIVES ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MUNICIPAL AREAS:**

Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department administers all 125 Urban Local Bodies of the State (7 Municipal Corporations, 115 Municipalities and 3 Notified Area Authorities) and also 3 Industrial Townships. Special initiatives have been taken for infrastructure Development in Municipal Areas.
Municipalities located in remote & backward areas have also been provided with substantial fund for speedy development and offering urban services to the citizens. Fund is released to ULBs primarily for infrastructure development. Altogether Rs. 474.51 crore had been released so far out of budgetary provision of Rs. 550.00 crore during 2018-19. For the financial year 2019-20 budgetary provision is Rs. 600.00 crore.

174 numbers of additional staff have been recruited in various ULBs to ensure better civic service.

For beautification and landscaping of hospitals 28 nos of projects of Rs. 19.22 crore have been sanctioned out of which 4 nos have been completed.

**BASIC MINIMUM SERVICES**

We have extended our support to the ULBs in basic infrastructure to make up the critical gap. We have also extended support for taking preventive action for control of vector borne diseases in urban areas. During 2018-19 financial year, State Government had made a budgetary provision Rs. 120 crore and an amount of Rs. 70.87 crore has been released so far to the ULBs under this scheme. For the financial year 2019-20, budgetary provision is Rs. 90 crore.

**LEGISLATION**

Since 2012 we are sincerely trying to incorporate such amendments in acts so that people could be benefitted.

During last financial year we have amended:

a) West Bengal Municipal Act for exemption of property tax for maintaining water bodies, for senior citizens, widows or deserted women & physically challenged persons.
b) WBMA, KMCA, HMCA.WBMCA for prevention and control of outbreak of Vector Borne Diseases.

c) KMC Act. for extension of time period for commencement of work from the date of sanction of Building Plans.

d) All acts for collection, removal, & disposal of scavenging & cleaning of all streets, public places & premises in urban local bodies.

WATER SUPPLY

We are committed to provide safe drinking water to every citizen of the urban areas. We have made major intervention by creating extended network of water supply including its regular Operation & maintenance.

During 2018-19 financial year, the budget provision under ‘Water Supply to ULBs’ head is Rs. 180.00 crore and Rs. 130.00 crore has been released so far primarily to meet up the cost of augmentation of piped water supply networks as well as additional work of water supply as critical gap. For the year 2019-20, the Budgetary Provision has been enhanced remarkably to Rs. 150.00 crore.

Work is in progress, in KMC area, to enhance the water treatment capacity of GRWW for 185 MGD to 210 MGD. Construction of a 3 MG capacity UGR & BPS at Shakuntala Park in word No. 127, constructin of small BPS with reservoir at Golmath Townshend Road in word No. 72, Rajani Mukherjee Road in word No. 118, 86, Pallir Math in Word No. 82 and Deshpriya Park in word No. 85 are in progress.

Another 3 MG capacity reservoir along with installation of filtered water and raw water dump motor set will start soon under Jai Hind Jal Prakalpa. 122.70 crore has been approved for shore
protection at Palta Water Works and the work is going to be started within next one month.

Work of Water supply projects funded by State in ULBs like Jhargram, Murshidabad, Alipurduar, Mal, Raghunathpur is in progress and some more projects at Jiagang-Ajimgang, Dalkhola, Memary, Tamralipta, Mirik are under consideration of Administrative approval. More than 60% work of water supply project at Bolpur (indo-German) has been completed under supervision of PHED.

In addition to that the head “Spot Source” provide fund support to the ULBs to cater the need of potable water in minor segment where large water supply project could not reach. Rs. 15 crore has been provided under this head during 2018-19 out of which an amount of Rs. 5.55 crore has been released so far and for the year 2019-20, the budgetary provision is also Rs. 12.00 crore.

4th STATE FINANCE COMMISSION GRANT

The 4th State Finance Commission has taken for its frame of reference the period between 2015-20 for which period it has made its recommendation to improve the financial position of the Panchayats and Municipalities. Rs. 135.62 crore has been released so far to ULBs during 2018-19. Budget provision for the next Financial year under this scheme has been kept Rs. 389.00 crore. Three newly constituted ULBs, v.i.z., Buniadpur, Domkal & Haringhata have been included under the fold of this grant.

FOURTEENTH FINANCE COMMISSION’S GRANT

This is the last year of five-year period of 14th FC. The grants
for the ULBs have two components i.e., General Basic Grant Component and General Performance Grant Component. For 2017-18 this Department has already released Rs. 260.41 and Rs. 1019.45 crore under performance grant and Basic grant accordingly, and During 2018-19 Rs. 589.66 crore has been released under Basic Grant to all the ULBs. Inspite of fulfilling all the conditions the state has received no fund as performance grant during Financial Year 2018-19 from Government of India.

SOMOBYATHI

"SOMOBYATHI" is a totally State Government Sponsored Scheme. The objective of this scheme is to provide a one-time financial assistance of Rs 2000/-in each such case, for the performance of the rites and rituals and to meet incidental expenses related to cremation/burial, to the next of kin/nearest family members of the deceased person. The UD and Municipal Affairs Department acts as the Nodal Department in Urban areas of the State. Under this scheme Rs.8.40 Crore has been released in the financial year 2018-19 and the budgetary provision for the year 2019-20 is Rs. 12.00 cr. Till now, benefit has been received by 89046 nos. of beneficiary.

ATAL MISSION FOR REJUVENATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION (AMRUT)

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is a Mission mode Centrally Sponsored programme for developing Water Supply, Sewerage & Septage, Storm water drainage, Non-motorized transport and Development of Green spaces in the towns.

In 55 AMRUT towns of West Bengal, 43 water supply projects, 3 sewerage and septage management projects, 7 Drainage and 2
non-motorized Urban Transport projects are under implementation. 424 Green Space Development projects were taken up under this programme and out of that, 222 have already been completed.

In three subsequent years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18, total Rs. 4035.00 Crore with Rs. 1929.32 Crore Central Assistance was approved and Rs. 1646.43 Crore and with Rs. 831.01 Crore Central Assistance was received so far. Out of which, Rs. 1324.61 crore has been mobilized to urban local bodies.

In the first year (2015-16), State of West Bengal received an incentive of Rs. 24.89 Crores scoring 84.69% under the Reforms criteria under AMRUT and in the third year (2017-18), received an incentive of Rs. 16.80 Crores scoring 80.50%. As a major reform of the fourth year (2018-19), the work of GIS based Master Planning for all the ULBs have been taken up by the State.

MISSION NIRMAL BANGLA

The overall goal of the Mission is to bring about positive changes in the physical quality of life in the villages by promoting cleanliness, hygiene and elimination of open defecation. To achieve these larger impacts on the villages and the urban areas, the specific goal of the Mission is to transform all the villages & urban areas of West Bengal to Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2 October 2019.

Under Mission Nirmal Bangla, most of the ULBs have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) by way of constructing Individual Household Latrine (IHHL). The work of construction of IHHL in remaining towns are in progress.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
Waste management is the major area of concern where we need to intervene aggressively and intelligently.

Solid Waste Management is one of the most serious challenges of urban world of 21st century. India is growing and so are the mountains of waste its cities and villages are producing. The composition of waste is also witnessing a major shift as use of plastics and paper grow with the rise of consumerist culture. Therefore, better Solid Waste Management has always been the priority endeavour of our Government. For best management of waste materials, economic transportation of waste and to provide longevity to the dumping grounds, Department has supplied sufficient quantity of SWM vehicles including moveable compactors, stationary compactors, hook loader, dumper, battery/fuel operated tippers etc.

11 nos. of Integrated Solid Waste Management projects for 15 ULBs - (Dum dum, North Dum-Dum, South Dum-Dum, Baranagar, Ashokenagar Kalyangarh, Habra, Jalpaiguri, Krishnanagar, Santipur, Nabadwip, Ranaghat, Bhatpara, Naihati, Kolkata MC and Asansol MC) with total project cost of Rs. 430.00 Crore covering around 81.00 lakh population have been initiated. These projects will ensure modern and scientific collection, transportation and processing of Municipal Waste in these ULBs.

Another 13 projects of 13 ULBs – Durgapur MC, Asansol MC (Ph-II), Bankura, Purulia, Coochbehar, Panihati, Kanchrapara, Baruipur, Burdwan, Arambagh, Kharagpur Garulia and Raghunathpur with total Project Cost of Rs.316.46 Crore have been sanctioned. Further for strengthening 100% Segregation of waste at source, Door to Door collection, Transportation and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste a DPR of Rs.258 Crore has already been sanctioned for procurement of SWM equipments and vehicles of 96 ULBs of West Bengal.

Under State fund three Integrated Solid Waste Management
Projects of three ULBs – Ranaghat, Darjeeling and Kalimpong have been initiated.

Recently, we have made a shift in SWM mechanism in ULBs. The SWM model includes door to door collection by ULBs, intermediate storage of such collected wastes, segregation at intermediate storage points, ultimate transportation to the disposal ground and segregation, recycling, processing (bio gas, RDF, Compost) and finally landfill with residue. While most of the ULBs have the capacity to carry out first three functions effectively with appropriate support from the top, it would not be logical to expect that all ULBs have the technical knowhow to do the rest of the stages, i.e., final processing of wastes and landfill.

To address this problem in a most scientific and rational manner, instead of stand-alone, ULB based solid waste management approach; Cluster based approach (clubbing of adjacent ULBs) by engaging Solid Waste Management Transaction Advisors have been adopted. Work through this method has already been initiated in 4 clusters spreading over 21 ULBs and we are in the process of starting work in 11 more clusters involving 42 ULBs. For rest of ULBs, there will be micro plan and they are under preparation. IEC materials have been developed for wide generation of awareness among citizens.

SOME MORE INITIATIVES FOR UPGRADATION OF URBAN PEOPLE:

The rapid pace of urbanization in the state has led to proliferation of slums. Besides West Bengal Urban Employment Scheme, Housing For All, Grants for Basic minimum Services, Mission Nirmal Bangla, Somobyathi etc. various initiatives have been taken to eradicate urban poverty through various Government funded programmes like:
NATIONAL URBAN LIVELIHOOD MISSION (NULM)

This centrally sponsored scheme for poverty alleviation has a motto of making urban youth self-employed. More over it provide support for construction of shelter for urban homeless. Initially 58 ULBs having more than one lakh population was targeted and subsequently rest of the ULBs have been taken within this project.

Till Date, Poor women of 893230 (approx) urban house hold have formed 61593 SHGs in 125 ULBs of our state. 3187 Area Level Federations have been constituted; Resource Organizations have been engaged in 94 ULBs to facilitate formation and functioning of SHGs; 105670 nos. of urban youth of poor household have been provided skill training, many of whom are now running micro-enterprises and 18836 trainees get wage employment after getting training. 50292 SHGs received Revolving fund and 1488 ALFs received Revolving fund @ Rs. 50000/-. Bank Branches disbursed loan to 8372 SHGs, 3522 individuals and 1394 SEP-G beneficiaries. Therefore, total 97008 beneficiaries are linked with the formal Bank loan Service. In order to provide shelter to the huge urban homeless, construction of shelters each having 50 bedded capacity has been proposed in phases under NULM. Initially 45 towns have been identified for setting up such shelters. So far, sanction of shelter has been accorded for 48 shelters in 44 towns, out of which one shelter unit each functional at Nabadwip, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Bongaon, Haldia, Krishnanagar, Howrah Municipal Corporation, Durgapur Municipal Corporation, English Bazar, Midnapore, Asansol Municipal Corporation and Arambagh.

So far, Central Share amounting to Rs. 18196.00 Lakhs and State Share amounting to Rs. 90.63.00 lakh has been released to SUDA and an amount of Rs. 21864.00 lakh has been utilized for this purpose.
HOUSING FOR ALL

The unit cost of an in-situ dwelling unit of carpet area 25 sqm has been taken as Rs. 3.68 Lakh with electrification. The beneficiary’s contribution has been fixed up at Rs. 25,000/- for the towns with population of less than 5 Lakh and Rs. 35,000/- for the towns with population of more than 5 Lakh. 5% of the cost of DU i.e. Rs. 18,400/- each will be borne by the concerned ULB and State government together towards Infrastructure Development works.

All 125 ULBs of the State have prepared Housing for All Plan of Action (HFAPoA). So far, 264 project with 2,30,013 Dwelling Units in Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) mode with Infrastructure development works have been sanctioned with a total project cost of Rs. 9310.93 crore. In 2017-18, 86 project with 59,929 Dwelling Units with project cost of Rs. 2425.93 crore in BLC mode with ID work have been sanctioned. So far, Rs. 1530.17 crore of Central Share and Rs. 2156.98 crore of matching State Share for 236 projects have been released to SUDA, the State Level Nodal Agency. Works for 1,13,138 dwelling units are going on out of which 63,495 Dwelling Units have been completed.

BANGLAR BARI

After careful examination of the problem of implementation, particularly limitation of availability of land, Government of West Bengal in UD & MA Department considered revised fund pattern and guidelines of “Housing for Urban Poor” and formulated new scheme as ‘Banglar Bari’.

The objective of the scheme is to provide new DUs to the urban poor not on individual basis but on cluster approach by constructing multi-storied flat.
The scheme envisages construction of multi-storied flat of G+3 heights and minimum carpet area of 285 sq. feet (26.48 sq. meter) and 350 sq. feet (32.52 sq. meter) super build up area instead of single dwelling units. The UD & MA Department is the nodal Department and SUDA acts as State Level Nodal Agency for this scheme. Design of the building should follow the existing Municipal Building Rules and Indian Standard Codes. The unit cost of each Dwelling Unit has been finalized as Rs. 4.26 lakh plus Rs. 0.53 lakh will be utilized for the provision of Utilities as per latest PWD schedule of rates (Building, Sanitary & Plumbing). The total Unit cost of each Dwelling Unit will be Rs. 4.79 lakh.

Recently, One Project under Kamarhati Municipality has been sanctioned. Another 5 AHP Projects comprising 1074 DUs for EWS category will shortly been placed before Govt. of India for necessary approval.

WEST BENGAL URBAN EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

“West Bengal Urban Employment Scheme” is a 100% state assisted scheme for generation of employment by way of creating man days. The scheme comes out to be very effective for providing citizen centric services at the ULB level.

Out of the total budget provision of Rs. 200.00 crore in 2018-19, fund to the tune of Rs 169.16 crore has been released to all ULBs on the basis of utilization of earlier released fund. For the financial year 2019-20, budgetary provision is to the tune of Rs 250.00 crore.

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES

URBAN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES – UPHCS and CBPHCS & HHW

With the objectives of providing preventive and curative primary healthcare services to the urban poor and vulnerable
population, two programmes namely Urban Primary Health Care Services (UPHCS) and Community Based Primary Health Care Services & Honorary Health Worker Scheme (CBPHCS & HHW) are functional in different Urban Local Bodies of West Bengal. The major services include reproductive and child health care including immunization and family planning, prevention, diagnosis and management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, promoting sanitation, hygiene and nutrition etc.

Urban Primary Health Care Services, funded by Dept of UD & MA is being implemented now in 50 ULBs with special focus to women & children covering 68 lakh (approx) population through functioning of different Sub Centers, Health Administrative Units, Extended Specialized Out Patient Deptt, Maternity Homes & Regional Diagnostic Centers.

During 2018-19, the State government allotted an amount of Rs. 35.71 crore under the scheme for providing honorarium/salary, procuring drugs and other purposes such as rent & contingency. Out of this amount Rs 20.76 crore has been released. Budgetary Provision for 2019-20 under UPHCS is Rs. 51.23 crore.

Community Based Primary Health Care Services and Honorary Health Worker Scheme, funded by Dept of Health and Family Welfare through SUDA is being implemented in 71 ULBs at present. It covers total urban population (34.03 lakh) in 328 Sub-Centers operational for delivery of clinical services under this programme. During 2018-19, an amount of Rs. 13.41 crore has been received from the Dept and 11.54 crore has been released under the scheme

**PREVENTION & CONTROL OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES**

In order to strengthen the prevention and control of vector borne diseases particularly Dengue, House to House surveing by
Vector Control Teams are put in to operation on a fortnightly basis throughout the year (January to December 2018 - total 25 rounds).

An amount of Rs. 49.37 crore and 49.52 crore for House to House Team; Rs. 44.01 crore and 33.07 crore for Vector Control Team; Rs.10.82 crore and 5.14 crore for Larvicide and IEC; Rs. 0.76 crore and 0.49 crore for procurement of ELISA Machine have been received and released respectively. Out of all these, House to House survey has been funded by Dept of Health and Family Welfare via SUDA and rest of all the components have been funded by Dept of UD & MA

The added emphasis in 2019-20 has been put on strengthening of Vector Control Team and development of data systems towards evidence based policy formulation. Different types of capacity building of VCT and data management units along with extensive and strategic IEC activities may be targeted in the coming year for overall quality improvement. Creation and functioning of a data system on Vector borne Diseases is also a vision for recent future.

NATIONAL URBAN HEALTH MISSION

National Urban Health Mission is functioning in 89 ULBs of the state as per approved Project Implementation Plan (PIP). The objective of the mission is to address the diverse health-needs of the urban population with multipronged preventive and curative services offered through Urban Primary Health Centers (U-PHC) and Special Outreach programmes. The programme is funded by Dept of Health & Family Welfare through SUDA to 6 Municipal Corporations (except KMC). During 2018-19, an amount of Rs. 12.24 crore has been received from the Dept and 7.15 crore has been released to 6 Municipal Corporations under the scheme.
An initiative has already been taken by SUDA to bridge the gap of immunization coverage in urban area as compared to rural (77% vs. 87%). Since almost one in every four children are not being fully immunized against the Vaccine Preventable Diseases in urban area, the mobilization of the community to access the health services will be the thrust area to work upon in 2019-20. Planning in this direction has already initiated through convergence with National Urban Livelihood Mission Programme as around 3500 Area Level Federation (ALF) including 53,000 Self Help Group members are recognized as a potential stakeholders to improve mobilization of the mothers through correction of their knowledge deficiency and imparting behavior change communication in the coming years.

NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME (NFBS)

One-time benefit is given @ Rs. 40,000/- w.e.f. 18.10.2012 to bereaved family in which the death of primary breadwinner occurs between 18-59 years. State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) has been functioning as the Nodal Agency for the Urban areas. Since Inception total 46,791 no. of beneficiaries covered under this scheme out of which 3,470 no. of beneficiaries covered during this Financial Year.

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME (IGNOAPS)

So far, 2,57,138 no. of beneficiaries have been covered within the age group 60-79 years and 36,753 no. of beneficiaries have been covered beyond 80 years of age and fund has been released up to the month of December, 2018 from the end of SUDA, the Nodal Agency for the Urban areas.
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL WIDOW PENSION SCHEME (IGNWPS)

Monthly pension for the period up to December, 2018 has been released so far for 2,42,368 beneficiaries. SUDA has been functioning as the Nodal Agency for the urban areas.

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL DISABILITY PENSION SCHEME (IGNDPS)

Disbursement of monthly pension for the period up to December, 2018 has been made so far for 17,152 beneficiaries. SUDA has been functioning as the Nodal Agency for the Urban areas.

NABADIGANTA INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP

NDITA has been able to take a number of innovative initiatives for infrastructural up gradation, beautification and for providing improved citizen centric services. Some initiatives have also been taken for better traffic management in this Township.

The important initiatives & achievements of NDITA are as follows:

a. NDITA has taken up re-auditing of fire fighting arrangements in all buildings of this Township in the current year also.

b. A link road in continuation of the Ring Road has been constructed as an alternate route to New Town.

c. Wi-Fi services at the main roads of the Industrial Township have been made operational.

d. A 500 metre long park along the Service road of Salt Lake Bypass (From Nicco Park to Sukanta Nagar) have been developed.
e. Construction of Drainage Pumping Stations to prevent water logging in the Township have been done.

f. Installation of compactor machines for better solid waste disposal.

g. Important citizen centric services like Property Tax Payment & Certificate of Enlistment have been made online.

h. Construction of Administrative Building is nearing completion.

i. Development of multi-storied parking facility in NDITA area has been taken up.

j. Construction of town hall of NDITA has been taken up.

k. All Street light have been converted to power saving LED lights.

l. Construction for laying underground cable duct in NDITA area for removal of overhead cable have been done. Some major roads have already been made overhead cable free.

m. Arboriculture works in different road side median to beautify the NDITA area.

n. Property Tax Collection - Substantially Improved - This is the only self-sufficient Urban Local Body which can manage its entire responsibilities from its own resources.

o. Construction of a new road in AQ Block to connect the link road has been taken up.

p. Some small parks have also been developed inside Sector-V.
KOLKATA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (KEIIP)

To address the environmental issues of kolkata Kolkata Environmental Improvement Investment Program (KEIIP) was launched in 2014 with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Government of West Bengal and Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC).

The project handles with sewer network, Rejuvenation and augmentation of water supply system.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMKC) has taken a $400 million loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Improvement of Sewerage & Drainage and Water Supply Works within KMC area. This loan has been taken in three Tranches. The works on all tranches are in full swing.

Almost all the works under Tranche-1 loan ($100 million) will be completed by June 2019. The major achievements under this loan (Tranche-1) will be construction of a new Water Treatment Plan of 20 MGD at Palta, three nos. of new Combined Drainage Pumping Stations at Begore Khal, Joka Tram Depot and Keorapukur. The vast areas of Behala will be benefitted by these pumping stations in the coming monsoon. The 20 MGD plant will boost the city water supply system. In addition to that, Trunk Water Main along Taratala Road has been completed and this has benefitted in better distribution management of water supply in South Kolkata. The trunk drainage line along Diamond Harbour Road will also cater vast areas between Sakher Bazar and Joka Tram Depot and also part of James Long Sarani from Diamond Harbour Road to Silpara. The adjoining areas of these stretches will be vastly benefitted from water logging in the coming monsoon.
Works under Tranche-2 ($200 million) are in good progress. Construction of two nos. Semi Underground Reservoirs cum Pump House at Julpia and Pranitk along with 6 nos. of overhead Reservoirs are in good progress and are likely to be completed by this year end. Construction of new combined Pumping Station at Kudghat along with underground network in Ward no. 115 is in progress. The benefit of this pumping station can be felt from monsoon 2020.

The loan agreement in $100 million for Tranche-3 has been signed on 3rd October, 2018 and the loan has been made effective from 14th December, 2018. Some of the contracts under Tranche-3 consisting of STP have recently been awarded and rest of the contracts relating to drainage pumping stations and network will be awarded within this year.

KMC is also planning to take a loan of $500 million from ADB for revamping of the Solid Waste Management System of the city including a new Sanitary Landfill at ‘Rasapunja’ adjoining Joka area of the project cost of $714 million. The processing of the loan has recently been taken up.

e-GOVERNANCE

A decentralized Ward Level e-Governance System and Web Based Monitoring System for the ULBs is the vision of the municipal management of the State. The work for decentralized Ward Based System including citizen service has already been started in all municipalities For providing citizen centric services.

DIFFERENT E-GOVERNANCE PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS TAKEN UP BY THE UD&MA DEPARTMENT

1. **ONLINE PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION AND COLLECTION SYSTEM (OPTICS):**

Online Property Tax payment system for the tax payers
of ULBs of the State has been started. At present 42 (forty two) ULBs of this State are collecting their Municipal property tax by using web portal (www.holdingtax.co.in) and Mobile app (UDMA). The specialty of this project is that it is working on a centralized database of assessment related data of all the participating ULBs. For security of the assessment related data and tax payment data, the data base is preserved in the 4-tier data centre of the country. The portal and app created by Webel Technology Limited is serving as a common digital platform in respect of property tax matters of all the ULBs of this State for their long run benefits. This Online system of Property Tax collection is an essential element BRAP (Business Action Reforms Plan) of 2019 of Govt of India.

2. Ease of Doing Business (EoDB): State rank on EoDB (Ease of Doing Business) in 2019 will be dependent on the implementation of 17 different reforms points involving the Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs as per the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP-2019) of the Government of India. The reforms like Online Payment system of Property Tax in the ULBs, online building plan approval (for industrial buildings), availability of digitized master plans / land use plans of the urban areas, online submission and receipt of Trade license form the ULBs, online service for water connection, designing building rules as per National Building Code etc. have already been made "go-live" in the public domain of the internet and those services are being utilized by the urban people of the State. All the 123 ULBs and 20 Development Authorities have made aware of the components of EoDB through meetings and Video Conferences. This Department has a dedicated IT/ e-Gov cell to look after the implementation and progress
of the EoDB project and to make necessary co-ordinations.

3. File transaction through e-office system: 632 nos files of the Department have been converted to e-file and the file transaction is taking palace through e-Office system.

4. Unified website of the Department: Initiatives have been taken to create a unified website of the UDMA Department after merging of Urban Development Department and Municipal Affairs Department.

5. Rapid Scrutiny Protocol and web based software for DPR appraisal, Project Evaluation, Progress Monitoring etc: A web based system has been developed through the technical collaboration of Webel Technology Ltd in which all the above noted services have been made available to the Das and ULBs.

A Compendium of e-tender procedure and financial norms issued by Finance Department time to time has been published and circulated to all the ULBs and concerned offices.

Sir, we have visions to develop, missions to achieve and commitment to our citizens to provide them a space where they can live, breathe and grow. I will call upon all the members of this House to be with us.

With this, I place my demand before the August House and seek support of all for passing of the said demand.