

Proceedings of 7th ABIDe task force meeting on
'Governance and Financing'
chaired by Shri. Ananth Kumar,
Vice-Chairman, ABIDe
25-10-08, 6.30 PM

At the outset, Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Convenor, ABIDe welcomed the members & invitees present and requested Commissioner, BBMP make the presentation on the BBMP Finances.

Dr. Subramanya, Commissioner, BBMP made a detailed presentation on the BBMP Finances, covering the following parts;

- Part I- Sources of receipts of BBMP
- Part II- Expenditure pattern.
- Part III- Some important issues – Property taxes, Regularization scheme & whether BBMP should take up development works or just undertake maintenance.
- Part IV- Development challenges

A copy of the presentation is attached. The following was observed by members

- a. Per Capita Revenues of City was amongst the lowest in its peer group of cities.
- b. Infrastructure cess, Solid Waste Management Cess is not being collected due to various logistical issues. Total estimated is Rs 100+ Crores.
- c. Unlike other Cities BBMP has had no replacement revenue after Octroi was abolished.
- d. BBMP is spending only 343 Crores on maintenance and service while Rs 938 Crores is being spent on New projects.
- e. The debt service capacity of BBMP is high and debt can be taken on for financing new projects.

After detailed discussions the following decisions were taken;

- BBMP to bring out a Plan Document along with the Budget, clearly demarcating the plan and non plan allocations as is done at the State level. It was decided that maintenance requirements is about 900 Crores/annum and this budget would try and reach this level and use debt and other sources for

new Projects. This is only way that the citizens complaints of poor maintenance can be addressed.

- While discussing the need for maintenance of proper records and documentation, the chairman expressed that should be taken up as a priority and that this single measure would generate additional resources to BBMP. BBMP and BDA should make use of GIS to track and map all the properties within their jurisdiction of 741 sq Kms and 1219 sq. kms respectively. BMRDA should also examine and develop GIS based maps within its jurisdiction.
- BBMP should also give a breakup of the Works Expenditure to indicate what portion is being spent on roads, Storm Water Drains, Solid Waste Management, Housing for Urban Poor etc. vis-à-vis the investment requirement for each sector as suggested by CRISIL.
- On Property taxes, it was desired that an ABC analysis of the taxes realized should be undertaken by BBMP for better targeting and collecting.

Shri. Anant Kumar, Vice-Chairman, Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Convenor and Dr. Ravindra, member were shown the initiative undertaken by BBMP to map properties through use of GIS and GPRS, the process involved, the details captured etc. The Committee appreciated the efforts of BBMP as it was an important way of establishing transparency around land use in City.

Dr. Ravindra, former Chief Secretary and Member ABIDe gave a presentation on the Governance issues pertaining to Greater Bangalore and the recommendations made by Expert Committee headed by Dr. Kasturirangan. Since Citizen Centric Governance was the mandate for Abide, the Chairman felt that there was a need to work out proper institutional method of citizen and neighbourhood participation, checks and balances , specific and mandatory responsibilities that could be assigned and requested Convenor to at the earliest to work out a draft plan and legislation for the Abide to consider and discuss.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

Ananth Kumar
Vice-Chairman, ABIDe

Attachments: Agenda, Attendance of Members, Presentations.

List of Participants:

Sl No.	Name	
1	Shri. Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bangalore-South	Vice-Chairman, ABIDe
2	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha	Convenor
3	Dr. A. Ravindra, Retired Chief Secretary, GoK, Bangalore	Member
4	Sri. Ramesh Ramanathan, Co-founder, Janaagraha, Bangalore	Member
5	Prof. M.N. Sreehari, Traffic & Transport Expert, Bangalore	Member
6	Dr. S. Subramanya, Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore	Member
7	Shri. Siddiah, Commissioner, BDA, Bangalore	Member
8	Shri. Abhijithdas Gupta, Commissioner, BMRDA, Bangalore	Member
9	Shri. Syed Zammer Pasha, Managing Director, BMTTC, Bangalore	Member
10	Shri. Tushargirinath, Managing Director, BESCOM Ltd, B'lore	Member