

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(LOCAL GOVERNMENT-4 BRANCH)**

NOTIFICATION

No.

Dated:

Whereas it is considered necessary to provide for consistent and integrated planning for contiguous geographic areas;

2.0 Whereas there is a felt need to provide new dimensions for the role of citizens and their elected representatives in preparation of regional plans for improving civic infrastructure in cities through participatory processes;

3.0 Whereas the regional plans for improving the civic infrastructure so prepared are expected to play an important role in determining investment policies and project priorities in the urban areas;

4.0 Whereas the Urban Local Bodies within one district or contiguous geographic areas share many physical and economic resources and infrastructure such as communications, water, and commercial places;

5.0 Whereas the Municipal Solid Waste i.e. the chemicals, plastics, hospital waste or other debris is increasingly becoming a problem and at times an issue between inhabitants of cities and

the neighbouring rural areas, as a result there is a strong felt need of establishing Solid Waste Management systems in the cities;

6.0 Whereas agriculture land at the fringe of the cities are increasingly prone to conversion, sometimes in an involuntary manner, therefore, a need for shared understanding and collaborative response to manage such challenges requires immediate attention;

7.0 Whereas there is a need to set up a mechanism to evolve shared understanding and collaborative response at the local level through participatory processes to face the emerging challenges and resolve the above said issues;

8.0 therefore, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute the Metropolitan Planning Committees (MPCs) for the districts of Mohali, Amritsar, Patiala, Bathinda, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Moga and Pathankot in keeping with the following:-

- I. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall be all the Municipal Corporations and the Urban Local Bodies in the district for which it is constituted except in case of Municipal Corporation, Phagwara which shall be under Metropolitan Planning Committee of Jalandhar district;
- II. The Metropolitan Planning Committees shall comprise of the following members: -

Ex-officio members

- (i) All MLAs and MPs of the district concerned;
- (ii) All Presidents of the Municipalities;
- (iii) Mayors of the Municipal Corporations in the district;
- (iv) Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary Local Government;
- (v) Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Finance or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary, Finance ;
- (vi) Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Housing and Urban Development or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary Housing and Urban Development;
- (vii) Chief Administrator of the Development Authority in the districts;
- (viii) Director, Local Government Department, Punjab;
- (ix) Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned.

Nominated Members

- (i) Five subject matter specialists including specialists in Architecture, Urban Planning, Finance, Environment, Industries and Structural Engineering to be nominated by the State Government;
- (ii) Five senior citizens or representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations from the districts to be nominated by the State Government;
- III. Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation at the concerned district headquarter shall be the ex-officio Member Secretary of the Committee;

- IV. The Chairman shall be nominated by the State Government from amongst the members of the Committee;
- V. The Committee can co-opt any subject matter specialist or any of the person so required to carry out its task for a period not exceeding one year.
- VI. Any member of the Committee, including its Chairman may resign any time from his office before completion of his tenure, but such member was not be eligible for re-nominating or re-appointment.

VII. Functions of the Committee

The functions of the Committee would be as following:-

- a) to prepare the draft district urban development plan keeping in view the matters of common interest between all the urban areas of the district including spatial planning sharing of water and other physical and natural resources, the integrated development of infrastructure and environment conservation, the plans prepared at the grass-root level by the concerned Municipality and the extent and type of available resources whether financial or otherwise. The district urban development plan shall be an amalgum of all the city development plans prepared by the Corporation and the Municipalities of the district;
- b) to prepare priority-wise list of schemes and programmes taking into account the resources available with the Committee and the resources provided by the State Government;
- c) to take appropriate measures for proper implementation of the development schemes, programmes and projects;

- d) to monitor the progress of projects;
 - e) to encourage the Municipal Corporations and the Municipalities to take up and expedite the implementation of development projects;
 - f) to recommend measures to generate additional resources for development works with the cooperation of people; Non-Government Organizations and Non-Resident Indians and other agencies; and
 - g) to perform such other additional functions relating to District Planning and Coordination and monitoring of the activities of different departments of the State Government, as may be assigned to the Committee by the State Government.
- VIII. The Committee, if may so consider necessary, consult any institution or organization or hire the services of a consultant in carrying out its task particularly preparation of draft Urban Development Plan.
- IX. The Committee shall forward the District Urban Development Plans prepared by it to the State Government and it shall be mandatory for the State Government to accord its approval to implement the plan so recommended by the Committee. In case the Government feels that the plan so prepared cannot be approved, it shall record its reasons in writing for the same.
- X. The meetings of the Committee shall be held at the District Headquarter or at such other place as may be decided by it.
- XI. The meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as required for achieving the task assigned to it, but it shall meet atleast once in a quarter.
- XII. All non-officio members of the Committee shall be entitled to TA/DA as per the Punjab Government Rules

and the expenditure for such TA/DA shall be incurred by the Municipal Corporation in the districts for which the Committee is set up.

XIII. In addition, Secretariat support and expenditure for convening the meetings of the Committee shall also be borne by the Municipal Corporation in the district concerned.

XIV. In case any difficulty arises in carrying out the business of the Committee, the Committee may refer such a difficulty or issue to the State Government, whose decision in connection therewith, shall be final and binding.

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**Additional Secretary,
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