

Chapter-7

Urban Administration

A **Municipal Corporation, City Corporation, Mahanagar Palika, Mahanagar Nigam** is a **Local government in India that administers urban areas** with a population of more than **one million**.

- The **growing population and urbanization** in various cities of India were in need of a local governing body that can work for providing necessary community services like **health care, educational institution, housing, transport etc.** by collecting property tax and fixed grant from the State Government.
- The **74th Amendment** made the provision relating to urban local governments.

Municipal Corporations

- Municipal Corporation are referred to by different names in different states (due to regional language variations) all of which are translated to “Municipal corporation” in English (Except Malayalam-the same word)
- These names include
- **Nagar Nigam** (in Delhi, up, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Rajasthan and Haryana)
- **Mahanagar Palika**(in Gujarat, Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra)
- **Pouro Nigmo** (in Assam and west Bengal)
- **Pur Porishod** (in Tripura)
- **Nagar Palika Nigam** (in Madhya Pradesh)
- **Nagara Palaka Samstha** (in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana)
- **Maanagaraatchi** (in Tamil Nadu)

- The area administered by a Municipal Corporation is known as a **municipal area**.
- Each municipal area is **divided into territorial constituencies** known as **wards**.
- A Municipal Corporation is made up of a Wards Committee.
- **Each** ward has **one seat** in the Wards Committee

- Members are elected to the Wards Committee on the basis of **adult franchise** for a term of **five years**.
- These members are known **as Councillors** or Corporators.
- The **number of Wards** in municipal area is determined by the **population of the city**.
- Some seats are reserved for **Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes and women**.

Administration

- The Mayor is the head of the Municipal Corporation, but the role is largely ceremonial as executive powers are vested in the Municipal Commissioner.
- The office of the Mayor combines a functional role charming the Corporation meeting as well as ceremonial role associated with being the First citizen of the city.
- The tenure of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is two and a half years.
- Executive Officers monitor the implementation of all the programs related to planning and development of the corporation with the coordination of Mayor and councilors.

Functions

- The Twelfth Schedule to the constitution lists the subject that Municipal Corporations are responsible for.
- Corporation may be entrusted to perform functions and implement schemes including those in relation to the matters listed in the Twelfth Schedule

- Urban planning including town planning.
- Regulation of land-use and construction of buildings .
- Planning for economics and social development
- Roads and Bridges.
- Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.

- Public health, sanitation conservancy and solid waste management.
- Fire services.
- Urban forestry, protection of the environment and promotion of ecological aspects.
- Safeguarding the interest of weaker sections of society, including the handicapped and mentally retarded.
- Slum improvement and upgradation.

- Urban poverty alleviation.
- Provision of urban amenities and facilities such as parks, gardens, playgrounds.
- Promotion of cultural, educational and aesthetic aspects.
- Burials and burial grounds; cremations cremation grounds and electric crematoriums.
- Public amenities including street lighting, parking lots, bus stop and public conveniences.

Sources of Income

- Its sources of income are taxes on
- water
- Houses
- Markets
- Entertainment and vehicles(commercial only)
paid by residents of the town and grants from the
state government.

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