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Interactive Session with Mr. Bharatlal Meena, IAS, Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday, October 29, 2009

An Interaction Session with Mr. Bharatlal Meena, IAS, Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was held immediately after the Fourth General Committee Meeting on Thursday, 29th October, 2009.

Welcoming Mr. Bharatlal Meena, Mr. K R Girish, President, BCIC said that City had been witnessing perceptual changes in the developmental work in and around Bangalore and complimented the Commissioner for his personal intervention and supervision in the various ongoing projects in the City.

Mr. K R Girish outlined the problems of the city of Bangalore as immediate, short and long term issues and highlighted the Commissioner on some of the perennial problems of the city including road connectivity and its maintenance, traffic management, disposal of solid wastes, water supply and sewage, pedestrian walk-ways and drainage systems.

He urged the BBMP Commissioner to consider encouraging Public Private Partnership (PPP) especially in the areas of drainage system, water supply, up-keeping of the city and waste disposal. The President reiterated Chamber's unstinted support and cooperation in all endeavours of BBMP and hoped under the leadership of Mr. Bharatlal Meena, the city would get the requisite facelift .

With these few words, he then requested the Commissioner to address the gathering.

Mr. Bharatlal Meena, in his address said that the BBMP is planning to invest Rs. 22, 000 Crore of investment in various infrastructure projects in the city. The investment includes:

- Rs. 9,000 Crore – on Road Infrastructure which includes widening of existing roads; construction of new Underpasses, Bridges, etc.
- Rs. 2,000 Crore – earmarked for preservation of lakes in the city
- Rs.2,000 Crore – for Solid Waste Management, Street Light maintenance

He further added that the Corporation has identified 12 Main Roads in the city and these roads are signal free in order to ensure free movement of vehicles. The Corporation is also proposing to construct an elevated corridor off JC Road between Minerva and Hudson Circle to ease the congestion in the South Corridor etc

Mr. Bharatlal Meena said that the BBMP is extensively using IT in easing public grievances, especially, in issuance of Khatha Certificate, Office Automation etc. Creation of 270 BBMP–One Centres is one such major initiative being undertaken by BBMP for the convenience of the citizens of Bangalore.

The Commissioner further added that there is a proposal to construct a 16 Km elevated North-South Corridor between Madiwala and Hebbal and a 12 Km elevated Eastern Corridor from Vellara Junction to Kundalahalli. He also said that the Pre-qualified Tenders has already been issued for the outer Ring Road Project of about 62 Km and the Project is expected to begin soon. This outer Ring Road Project will cut across various radial roads such as National Highways and State High Ways, he added.

He also emphasized that the efforts are on to develop parks and encourage greenery in the city and the BBMP is working in close tandem with the citizens in this regard. Infact, he further added that the Corporation has allocated Rs.198 Crore for the Citizen Partnership Programme and he urged the citizens to come forward in the Community Development Programme which could be done jointly.

Following his brief overview on the initiatives and activities of BBMP, there was an interactive session in which several members sought clarifications from the Commissioner on the issues on e-Procurement, Sewage Treatment Plant, Drainage System in Peenya Industrial Area, widening of Hesaraghatta Road, Street Lighting, Maintenance of Public Toilets, Waste Management and so on.

Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, Vice President, BCIC in his concluding remarks, reiterated Chamber's support in all the developmental works initiated by BBMP and also assured the Commissioner that adequate publicity will be given on the Citizen Partnership programme being initiated by BBMP through its members.

He further advocated that it should be a joint effort and responsibility of one and all to make the city clean and extend all the support and cooperation to BBMP in its efforts.
