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Hyderabad, Feb. 26 The budget of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for the year 2009-10 has been pegged at Rs 3,159 crore, an increase of 8.4 per cent over the 2008-09 financial year.

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Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, Mr S.P. Singh, Commissioner, GHMC, and Special Officer & Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, said, "Out of the Rs 2,160 crore earmarked for capital expenditure, Rs 630 crore has been allotted to provide housing for the poor, Rs 362.82 crore for multi-model transport system, bus rapid system, traffic signals and signage, Rs 525 crore for roads and payments among others, which include provisions for storm water drainage, buildings, land and land improvements, etc."

He also said that 49 per cent of allocation has been earmarked for the weaker sections as against the Government norm of 40 per cent and 77 per cent of the Budget on development of infrastructure and maintenance. "The Budget allocations are aimed at making Hyderabad slum-free and for the overall development of poor people," Mr Singh said.

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