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JAIPUR: Rajasthan Local Self-Government Minister Shanti Dhariwal has instructed the urban local bodies to submit their proposals for financial contribution under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns within a month to facilitate clearance of projects by the Union Government.

Addressing a review meeting here, Mr. Dhariwal said the outlines of the action plan should also be submitted within a month, while the urban bodies should step up their commercial activities and levy user charges to improve their financial lot.

The Minister pointed out that the projects of the Makrana, Deedwana, Balotra and Banswara urban bodies had already been approved and they would get their formal contract from the Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project by July 31.

He said the urban bodies should appoint technical officers without delay to ensure timely completion of works.

State Principal Local Self Secretary G. S. Sandhu said 80 per cent of the funds under the urban scheme were provided by the Centre, while the State Government and the local body concerned spent 10 per cent each. The scheme is operative in all municipal areas of the State except Jaipur, Ajmer and Pushkar.

Mr. Sandhu said projects relating to sewage disposal, solid waste management, water supply,

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sanitation, drainage, improvement of roads and parking facility were taken up under the scheme.