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Rs 14.12 cr sanctioned for urban local bodies

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PATNA: The Bihar cabinet on Tuesday sanctioned Rs 14.12 crore for urban local bodies facing problems of waterlogging and floods. The amount will be given from the funds the state is still to get from the Union government in accordance with the recommendations of the 12th Finance Commission.

The cabinet also sanctioned Rs 6.18 crore as grant to 21 urban local bodies after they submitted utility certificates, principal cabinet secretary Girish Shanker said.

The cabinet also took an important decision to give pension to physically challenged persons who do not fit the bill for Central government pension as to avail which their names must figure in the BPL list as well as they should be 80 per cent handicapped.

Under the state government scheme, there would be no income limit binding now. Earlier, those having less than Rs 30,000 annual income used to get the pension under the state scheme. Cabinet also decided that handicapped percentage would be 40 per cent for getting the pension under the state scheme.

The cabinet also increased the annual income limit from

present Rs 30,000 to Rs 60,000 for the widows for getting monthly pension scheme under Lakshmi Bai Samajik Suraksha Pension Yojana, 2007.

There is good news for teaching and non-teaching employees of Sanskrit schools as well as madarsas. The cabinet on Tuesday sanctioned Rs 33.92 crore for teachers of 531 Sanskrit schools for the current fiscal (2009-10) for payment of salary, etc.

In case of madarsa employees working in 1,119 madarsas and nine girl madarsas, the sanctioned amount for the current fiscal for the same purpose is Rs 74.66 crore.

Over dozen other decisions too, including transfer of land for setting up a dairy farm in Gaya, were also taken by the state cabinet.