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Panvel Municipal Council's Rs 188 crore proposal for road laying works

PANVEL: The old Panvel township, with its dusty and broken roads, poses a nightmare for over one lakh residents. However, the local civic body hopes to solve the daily menace by submitting a proposal of Rs 188 crore to the state government with funds made available to it under the 'Nagarutthan scheme' that will include laying of roads and other amenities.

Chief officer of Panvel Municipal Council (PMC), Sudhakar Jagtap told TOI that the general body has passed the detailed project report (DPR) and it has been forwarded to the urban development department of the state government. The funds made available are under 50:50 cost sharing basis and the civic body is hopeful of at least half the project amount being sanctioned by the state government.

The DPR includes roads, parking, street furniture and the pavements. The civic body, as of now, has decided to take up the laying of roads on a priority basis "We are hopeful that at least the proposal of cemented stretch of roads will get the nod," said a civic official. In case the proposal for bitumen roads is not sanctioned, the Panvel civic body has decided to forward the same to the central government under urban infrastructure development scheme for small and medium towns (UIDSSMT).

The scheme is equivalent of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) scheme for small and medium towns as in the case of Panvel.

Panvel roadmap

Rs 188 crore: Proposed cost of the roads

Rs 90 crore (concrete roads); Rs 98 crore (bitumen roads)

Concrete roads: 14 km - length; 12 m or more - width

Bitumen roads: 35 km - length; 12 m or less - width