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BBMP yet to begin City development

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Infrastructure definitely got a big boost - at least on paper - with the Union Budget indicating the availability of funds.

Yet, the progress of the development works in Bangalore doesn't show any sign of urgency.

Here's why: Since April 2009, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has completed only 15 per cent of the works.

On the other hand, the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), responsible for the small and medium works, has not started any work. The reason is the delay in the tender process.

"The tender process was delayed due to the recently concluded Parliamentary elections," said a Palike official.

It is learnt that the newly appointed BBMP Commissioner, Bharat Lal Meena has now directed the officials to start the work.

According to the State Budget allocations, the Palike has Rs 6 crore earmarked for each ward. The work is to be completed by the end of the year.

The budgetary allocation made to the BBMP for these works is Rs 300 crore. "With most of the areas already covered by the BDA, the BBMP has to focus on the remaining areas," said a Palike official.

No consolidated list

However, the Palike does not have a consolidated list of small works to be carried out in the 16 constituencies.

The Bangalore Development Authority was allotted Rs 626 crore in the State Budget to assist the Palike in carrying out the works.

While most constituencies allocated to it for development are relatively less developed -which explains the delay in the work.

1,554 works

In all, the Bangalore Development Authority is entrusted with 1,554 works. "Since the Bangalore Water

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A total of 985 allotted works worth Rs 418.31 crore have already begun, accounting for the 15 per cent p