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A.P. gram panchayats to be upgraded to municipalities

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HYDERABAD: The Municipal Administration and Urban Department in Andhra Pradesh have been asked to identify gram panchayats with a population of 40,000 for upgradation to municipalities.

The suggestion came from Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy at the Collector's conference on Saturday during a discussion on Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns . Officials brought to his notice that funds to the tune of crores of rupees granted to the State under the JNNURM were not being utilised completely.