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State plans Rs 1,411 cr projects

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Benglauru, Aug. 24: The state government plans several big ticket infrastructure development projects in 211 urban local bodies at a cost of Rs 1411 crore, municipal administration minister Balachandra Jharkiholi said.

“This is the dream project of Chief Minister B.S.Yeddyurappa who is keen to develop infrastructure of high quality in city and town municipal councils besides town panchayats. Of the Rs 1,411 crore already earmarked, Rs 1,111 crore will be for the year 2009-10 and the remaining Rs 300 crore is meant to be spent during the year 2010-11,” Mr Jharkiholi said on Monday.

Developmental projects essentially means roads, drinking water, street lights, underground drainage, parks and playgrounds. While 20 TMCs will get Rs 15 crore each, about 143 CMCs will get Rs five crore each to undertake these projects.

“Town panchayats will get Rs two crore each. Each of the urban local bodies must reserve twenty per cent of its budget exclusively for laying all-weather quality roads,” the minister added.

Mr Jharkiholi also said the government will get a survey to identify the number of BPL families in all 222 urban local bodies at a cost of Rs 5.50 crore. “The idea is to take up need-based welfare schemes,” he said, adding “the budgetary allocation for the welfare schemes of SCs/STs has been increased from 18 per cent to 22.75 per cent in all ULBs.”