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State offers `60 crore to civic body

Chennai, Dec. 10: In an unusual gesture, the state government sanctioned `60 crore to the city corporation to help it fix the battered roads and other infrastructural problems caused by relentless monsoon.

The Mayor, Mr M. Subramanian, who assessed the infrastructure damages that the rain caused, addressed a press conference on Friday and said that a special programme to improve the

condition of the roads in the city will start by the end of December and the project is being taken up at a cost of `135 crore.

“Usually, road repairs and monsoon damages are fixed using the corporation’s capital funds but following an appeal from the corporation, the government has sanctioned funds to the civic body,” said Mr Subramanian. So far, the monsoon has caused the corporation exchequer `100 crore and the road repairing work will continue until March.

As many as 1,312 roads will be repaired including 778 interior roads and more than 40 major bus route roads. According to the commissioner of the corporation, Mr D. Karthikeyan, the corporation will consider relaying any damaged road as funding will not be a constraint. Citizens can keep the corporation informed in case they are aware of any roads that need repair.