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## **Master Plan for Coimbatore soon**

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**Director of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning Pankaj Kumar Bansal (right) speaking at a meeting organised by the Coimbatore District Small Industries' Association on Tuesday.**

COIMBATORE: The Coimbatore Master Plan is expected to be finalised by March next year, Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Director, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, said here on Tuesday.

At a meeting organised by the Coimbatore District Small Industries' Association Mr. Bansal said the Coimbatore Master Plan was in an advanced stage. The Master Plan for this city was last approved in 1992. It was reviewed and changes had been incorporated now. The plan would be submitted to the Government in a week for its review consent. Then, it would be placed in the public domain to hear objections and suggestions. People could raise their objections and give suggestions for individual cases and on general issues in the plan. These would also be considered and incorporated and the final review of the plan was expected to be completed by March next, Mr. Bansal said.

He told presspersons later that the Coimbatore Local Planning Authority collected Rs. 14 crore arrears of the Infrastructure and Amenities Fund last month. Most of the funds collected here would be used for projects in this region. Three scheme roads were laid at a cost of Rs. 42 crore here recently using resources from the Infrastructure and Amenities fund. The District Collector and the Commissioner could send proposals for projects that could be taken up with the fund, he said.

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Auto Development Control Rules (Auto DCR) was proposed for nine municipal corporations and the Coimbatore and Tirunelveli Local Planning authorities too. Mr. Bansal added that a proposal had been sent to the Government on expansion of the present Local Planning Authority area for places like Coimbatore and Tirupur.