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## Corporation gets Rs. 6.95 crore for urban development

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The State government has allotted Rs. 6.95 crores to the Vellore Corporation for undertaking various works under the Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM) for 2013-14.

A resolution approving the spending of the amount for the various works mentioned in the proceedings of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration (CMA) was passed at the monthly meeting of the Vellore Corporation Council here on Monday.

The works included solid waste management (SWM) at a cost of Rs. 110 lakh; road works for Rs. 200 lakh; drinking water works for Rs. 35 lakh and street lights at a cost of Rs. 350 lakh.

The sum of Rs. 110 lakh allotted for SWM would be utilised for the installation of a biogas plant in Sainathapuram. The allocation comprises a government grant of Rs. 104 lakh and Corporation's share of Rs. 6 lakh.

The Corporation has decided that the amount of Rs. 35 lakh allotted for drinking water works could be utilised to repay the loan of Rs. 126.70 crore which the local body has proposed to obtain from the Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project (TNUDP) as part of its contribution of Rs. 529.56 crore to the Rs. 1295-crore Cauvery Water Supply Scheme being currently executed by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board for augmentation of water supply to Vellore Corporation and other municipalities and town and village panchayats in Vellore district.

## **Loan burden**

This is expected to reduce the loan burden of the civic body. The council also approved spending from the Corporation's own revenue funds to meet any expenditure which exceeded the amount allotted for the various works under IUDM.

By another resolution, the council approved the purchase of two dumper placer lorries, 70 dumper placer bins, four mini compactors and 100 HDPE (high density poly ethylene) bins at a total cost of Rs. 200 lakh for which administrative sanction for calling of tenders was accorded by the CMA on May 31, 2013.

The Corporation had earlier sought change of use for the Rs. 200 lakh sanctioned by the CMA for the construction of a compost yard for the SWM under the IUDM for 2012-13, through the CMA's proceedings dated September 14, 2012.

The same amount would now be utilised for the purchase of the above-mentioned items.