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Projects worth Rs 1,500 cr get govt nod G Saravanan

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu government gave administrative sanction to the Chennai Corporation's several projects worth Rs 1,500 crore, to be carried out under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Mayor M Subramanian said.

Speaking to Express at Ripon Building here the Mayor said, "Few days ago, the government gave its accent to the projects, which include ambitious Chennai macro and micro drain project (Rs 1447 crore), Ganeshapuram Railway subway (Rs 30 crore), flyover at Mint Junction (Rs 23 crore), modernisation of Communicable Diseases Hospital (CDH), Tondiarpet (Rs 13 crore) and restoration works at Ripon Building and Victoria Public Hall."

These projects were on policy stages till now and the government's sanction would help to the Chennai Corporation to go ahead with swift implementation, the Mayor added.

While the Centre will grant 35 per cent of funding for these projects, the state's component is 15 percent and the remaining cost would be borne by the civic body itself.

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Under the ambitious Chennai macro and micro drain project, the civic body along with the Public Works Department has plans for connecting Buckingham Canal, Otteri Nullah, Cooum River and Adyar River to facilitate free flow of surplus rainwater.