

# Appraisal of City Development Plan Itanagar

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## **Appraisal of City Development Plan: Capital Region, Itanagar**

The City Development Plan (CDP) of Itanagar has been submitted by the Department of Urban Development and Housing, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The CDP has been prepared for the urban agglomeration Capital Region, Itanagar.

The City Development Plan (CDP) of Itanagar gives a comprehensive idea about the city with regard city assessment and analysis, future perspective and vision, and city investment plan.

In order to identify, understand and analyse the perception of the city by its residents, their priorities for development and their vision for the future, a hierarchical system of involvement of all stakeholders has been undertaken in the CDP. This comprises four tiers of interaction with the stakeholders, namely, interactions with the overall residents of the city, interactions with resident welfare committees, interactions with government officials and peoples' representatives, and interactions with the state nodal planning agency.

The chapter on situation analysis of capital region of Itanagar (Chapter 2) has been presented extremely well and covers all the key issues. According to the CDP, the population of entire capital region of Itanagar is less than one lakh as per Census 2001 and the projected population for the year 2006 is 1.2 lakhs. Overall, rapid urban growth and urbanisation appear to be an important phenomenon in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Some of the key issues and challenges that are raised in this chapter are related to the need for strengthening and development of roads and construction of a new bus terminal, a better system for water supply (a top priority based on public consultations), an adequate drainage system, effective public participation in segregation of recyclable waste and effective solid waste management, and finally, better environmental conditions in slum areas.

Section 2.7 of Chapter 2 has clearly indicated that Capital Region, Itanagar for which the CDP is being presented has no urban local body. Therefore, local urban administration or urban governance is not being performed by any municipal entity. Various departments of state governments are involved in service provision and for urban governance, etc. According to the CDP, the existing service providers for Itanagar and for urban governance are:

- The Government of Arunachal Pradesh
- Public Works Department (roads and sanitation)
- Public Health and Engineering Department (water supply and sewerage)

- Department of Urban Development and Housing ( urban development, solid waste management)
- Directorate of Economics and Statistics
- Land Management Department
- Forest Department
- Office of Town Planner
- Police Department
- Department of Power
- District Administration

There is no information on institutional finances and issues related to financial constraints faced by Capital Region, Itanagar which is understandable because there is no urban local body (ULB) for the town. Further, providing financial information for Itanagar, *per se*, is not possible since state government departments cover the entire state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Some of the immediate concerns related to urban governance raised by the CDP are: notification of planning area of Capital Region, enactment of legislation regarding governance of the Capital Region in accordance with the provisions of the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitution Amendment Act (CAA), and constitution of an urban local body for Itanagar. The CDP has requested for a two year transition phase for forming a *Nagarpalika* for Capital Region, Itanagar. Some of the important issues to be decided along with the municipalisation of urban governance are: (a) delegation of functions to the new ULB in line with 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule of 74<sup>th</sup> CAA, (b) the determination of taxes, duties and fees by the municipality, (c) grants-in-aid to the municipality from the Consolidated Funds of the state, (d) strengthening of the finances of municipal government, (e) staff working presently with capital region services to be transferred to the municipality, and (f) formation of ward committees.

Chapter 3 “Future Needs: People and Land,” and Chapter 4 “City Vision and Sectoral Goals” have been written well and provide a good idea about these issues.

Chapter 7 deals with capital investment plan (CIP) and the phasing of the CIP as well as the financial operating plan (FOP). Huge shortages with respect to urban infrastructure have been shown at the city level. The projected requirement of funds is Rs.1,690 crores and Rs.98 crores, respectively, for sub-mission I (urban infrastructure and governance) and sub-mission II (basic services to the urban poor), for the duration of JNNURM (2007-2012). Considering the population of Itanagar, these figures appear high. Further, in the absence of details on the methodology to arrive at these amounts it is difficult to understand these

requirements. Funds required for urban transport alone are Rs. 748 crores (44 percent of the total for sub-mission I). Sectoral break-up of the city investment plan is given below:

**Summary of Capital Investment Plan (2007-12)**

Components	Estimated Costs of Works (Rs.Crore)	
<b>Sub-mission 1: Urban Infrastructure and Governance</b>		
		%
Urban Transport	747.82	44.25
Urban Renewal	261.28	15.46
Sewerage	222.15	13.14
Water Supply	121.37	7.18
Water Bodies and Parks	93.20	5.51
Storm Water Drainage	60.29	3.57
Solid Waste Management	40.27	2.38
Social Amenities	33.67	1.99
Tourism and Heritage	31.00	1.83
Land Acquisition	30.13	1.78
Landslide Protection	25.25	1.49
Urban Reforms and E-Governance	23.60	1.40
<b>Total (Sub-mission 1)</b>	<b>1,690.03</b>	100.00
<b>Sub-mission 2: Basic Service for Urban Poor</b>		
Infrastructure and Housing	97.97	
<b>Total Investment Requirement</b>	<b>1,788.00</b>	

The financial operating plan (FOP) states that 90 percent of the financial requirements have to be provided by the central government and the rest by the state government. On behalf of the state government the CDP proposes public-private participation for a sum of Rs. 64.5 crores. Nothing has been stated about funds from municipal tax and non-tax sources since there is no urban local body at present in Capital Region, Itanagar.

**NIUA: The CDP is now in accordance with the guidelines in JNNURM Toolkit Number 2.**