



# URBAN DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION IN HARYANA: THE ROLE OF SPECIALISED AGENCIES IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT



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Urban development in India is presently going through a very dynamic stage. In the first four decades of the century, the country was a fully agrarian society and its proportion of urban population was less than 12 percent. India's urban population growth between. By 2020 more than 50 percent of India's population is expected to live in urban areas. Presently, cities are booming, with internal growth and migration putting a colossal pressure on the state and local governments alike.

### Urban Development and Industrialization:

The three great socio-economic revolutions i.e. the industrial revolution, the agrarian revolution and the transport revolution, sparked off another great revolution, the Urban revolution. While the industrial revolution necessitated urbanization, the agrarian and transport revolutions facilitated it. Nevertheless, this was not sufficient for there has to be a satisfactory movement of men and material between the industrial centres and other places. Finally, large-scale industrialization resulted in large concentration of production facilities and people.<sup>1</sup> Industrialization results in increased production and the increased production in turn leads to division of labour. This requires means of transport, markets, godowns, shops etc. Therefore, wherever there is industrialization, a big labour force is needed.<sup>2</sup>

### Growth of Urban Population in Haryana:

The Urban population of Haryana was 52.36 lacs in 2001 and is expected 83.43 lacs in 2011. At present the total population of the State is 207.64 lacs and 28% of it live in the Urban areas which is higher than the India total urban population. The number of municipal areas would therefore, increase tremendously requiring rural areas to be declared as municipal areas.<sup>3</sup>

### Specialised Agencies and Urban Development:

Urban Planning and development, and provision of civic amenities such as water supply, and sewerage, prevention of pollution constitute some of the basic functions of urban local Government. But our

municipal institutions are alleged to be incapable of performing these functions. The state Governments therefore constitute specialised agencies such as: (i) Improvement Trusts (ii) Housing Boards (iii) Water Supply and Sewage Boards (v) Population-Control Boards to carry out these functions. The specialized agencies or singly purpose agencies are set up in addition to the existing urban local bodies to provide a specific service in their respective area. The study of these specialised agencies is highly essential to explore the possibilities of analyzing their strengths and weaknesses to make them vital urban development Institutions.

Conclusions An analysis of the discussion made in the preceding pages confirms that the impact of the Constitution 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment Act 1992 is clearly visible in the structure and composition of the municipal institutions in Haryana. The categorisation of the municipal bodies in three types viz., Municipal Committees, Municipal Councils and Municipal Corporations is in conformity with the provisions of the Amendment Act. Under this study urban development is a part of the State government is the final authority to determine the sources of revenue and items of expenditure of the Haryana Urban Development Authority which have to depend upon it for finances for carrying out development programmes and providing minimum basic amenities. The devolution of powers to the municipal bodies both in administrative and financial areas is yet to materialise. The policy of enhancement of house-tax has been necessitated by crunch being faced by state exchequer. According to reports, various departments and agencies have started feeling the pinch of shortage of funds. A number of contractors engaged with various government departments and agencies have either not received their payments or were given in installments. According to observers, HUDA considered to be the richest of all the agencies under the State was for the first time defaulting on timely payments to the contractors.

## R E F E R E N C E

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