

ULBs to Get Funds From State Sector Scheme

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has empowered <u>urban local bodies (ULBs)</u>, including nagar nigams, nagar palikas, and nagar panchayats, to directly **execute infrastructure projects worth up to Rs 10 crore** without seeking approval from the urban development department.

 This move aims to address financial constraints and enable ULBs to meet the infrastructure needs of their communities, particularly for public-interest projects.

Key Points:

- Expanded Scope of Infrastructure Works:
 - Initially, the urban development department permitted ULBs to handle drainage works with increased spending limits. This flexibility has now been expanded to include a wide range of civil works.
- The types of works now allowed under this scheme include:
 - Construction or extension of sewerage lines, sewerage treatment plants, pumping stations, and water supply systems.
 - Installation of water meters, tube wells, overhead tanks, and rainwater harvesting systems.
 - Water recycling and water treatment infrastructure.
- Additional Permissible Works: ULBs are also authorized to undertake the following projects:
 - Desilting of water bodies.
 - Construction of retaining walls.
 - Tree plantation initiatives.
 - Installation of solar lights.
- Funding Mechanism:
 - These projects can be financed through the increased budgetary allocations available
 to ULBs, as well as provisions under the state sector scheme for program implementation.
 This ensures that funds are readily accessible to carry out the infrastructure work.

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Funds to be granted to ULBs from state sector scheme to augment urban infrastructure

All kinds of civil works eligible for increased funding



Limit of nagar panchayats increased to **₹1 cr**

Limit of nagar palikas increased to ₹2 cr

Limit of nagar nigams increased to ₹10 cr

