

**Statement of H.W.The Mayor, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation,  
Mohammad Majid Hussain on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014:**

I welcome my media friends,

I have called this media conference on completion of my tenure as the Mayor of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

I thank the Almighty Allah for giving me this opportunity to serve the people of Greater Hyderabad for about three years. I express my deepest gratitude to my party President and Hyderabad MP, Janab Asaduddin Owaisi, and AIMIM floor leader in the Assembly, Janab Akbaruddin Owaisi, for entrusting me this key position at a very young age.

I would like to mention that I have completed my term successfully under the guidance of Janab Asaduddin Owaisi. This was in pursuant to the understanding that had been reached with the Congress Party for sharing the post of GHMC Mayor by turns during the five-year tenure of the elected body. The first GHMC mayor was my predecessor, Mrs Banda Karthika Reddy, from the Congress and I was elected to the post on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. I have held the post for the past 35 months with the cooperation of one and all.

I got this opportunity thanks to the vision of Salar-e-Millat, Janab Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, who had given the slogan of “Shaher Hamara, Mayor Hamara” when elections were held to the then Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad in 1986. I may recall that the AIMIM had its mayors for five years in a row in the erstwhile MCH during 1986-1991. Three of the AIMIM mayors during that period were Dalit brothers—K Prakash Rao, A Satyanarayana and Allampalli Pochaiah. M K Mubeen and Mir Zulfiqar Ali were the other two AIMIM mayors.

During my 35-month tenure, the GHMC has grown from strength to strength. Our achievements during this period are many as I strove to transform the GHMC into a truly metropolitan civic body with focus on development of its civic infrastructure and welfare of its residents. Many new works were taken up and numerous key initiatives were launched.

We have also stuck to our promise of augmenting the GHMC's revenues without adding to the tax burden on the residents. Further, we have taken a decision in the Standing Committee to waive off property tax on the individual residential houses upto Rs.4,000/- per annum to benefit the lower and middle class households residing in GHMC and the matter is under the consideration of the Telangana Government. I earnestly hope that the Honourable Chief Minister, Janab K Chandrasekhar Rao Sahab would take a favourable decision in this regard.

I have presented GHMC budgets for three financial years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. The revenue income of the Corporation has gone up from 1,370.35 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 1,840.53 crore in 2012-13 and Rs 2,212.94 in the year 2013-14. The capital receipts have increased from Rs 458.19 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 611.32 crore in 2012-13 and Rs 420.50 crore in 2013-14.

Similarly, the revenue expenditure of the Corporation went up from Rs 1,102.85 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 1,315.89 crore in 2012-13 and Rs 1,373.31 crore in 2013-14. Capital expenditure, too, increased from Rs 565.43 crore in 2011-12 and Rs 563.34 crore in 2012-13 to Rs 1,028.72 crore in 2013-14.

The total revenues of the GHMC have risen from Rs 1,828.54 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 2,451.85 crore in 2012-13 and Rs 2,633.44 crore, indicating a growth of Rs 804.90 crore or 44.02 percent in two years. The total expenditures of the GHMC increased from Rs 1,668.28 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 1,879.23 crore in 2012-13 and Rs 2,402.03 crore in 2013-14, indicating a growth of Rs 733.75 crore or 43.98 percent in two years.

When I took over, the GHMC made a modest surplus of Rs 160.26 crore in 2011-12. The Corporation had a huge overdraft. We cleared the loans and made a surplus of Rs 572.62 crore in 2012-13. In 2013-14, the surplus was Rs 231.41 crore, despite a big hike in expenditure.

The GHMC's revenues from property tax alone have increased from Rs 600.11 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 776.19 crore in 2012-13 to Rs 1023.44 crore in 2013-14 and in current financial year a target of Rs 1,395 crore has been set without increasing the tax rate. Similarly, our revenue receipts from town planning, trade license fees and assigned revenues and our capital receipts from JNNURM grants, 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grants, BPS and LRS receipts, MMTS and Hyderabad Metro Rail deposit works have grown substantially.

**Apart from meeting our ever-increasing establishment and administrative expenses, we have stepped up the revenue and capital expenditure on maintenance and operation and development of roads, buildings, bridges, flyovers, storm-water drains, street-lighting, slaughter-houses, parks, playgrounds and solid waste management, as well as on welfare schemes such as Aasara, Vikasam, MEPMA, night shelters, etc.**

**Among the major decisions taken by the GHMC since January 2012, we have approved the report of Prasad Rao Committee on the reorganization of GHMC administration and augmentation of staff. The Government has sanctioned additional staff of 2,607 across all the wings of the GHMC. The GHMC is taking up the exercise for reorganizing the number of circles from 18 to 30 with proper staffing in all the circles and zones of the Corporation.**

**We strongly resisted the move of the previous State Government of undivided Andhra Pradesh to extend the jurisdictional area of the GHMC through merger of gram panchayats by adopting an unanimous resolution in the general body at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.**

**When the Government issued the notifications for merger of 36 Gram panchayats with the GHMC, disregarding our objections, we again rejected the proposal on the ground that adding new areas spanning 300 sq kms with a population of 4.4 lakhs to the corporation would be both impractical and unviable, since the GHMC lacks the administrative strength and financial resources to administer and provide civic amenities in the new areas.**

**I am thankful that all the parties—AIMIM, Congress, TDP, BJP, TRS-- supported us and ensured that GHMC limits were not extended at a crucial time when the bifurcation of the State of AP was taking place. Otherwise, today, we would have had common capital of Hyderabad spread over 922 sq kms with population of 71.70 lakhs. After our intervention, the previous Government rescinded the GOs on merger of 36 panchayats with GHMC and asked the Rangareddy District Collector to constitute new municipalities and nagar panchayats comprising these panchayats.**

**We launched the Greater Hyderabad Development Plan to provide improved civic infrastructure by constructing flyovers, railway under bridges and over bridges, taking up widening of roads and junction improvements and development of city level and colony parks in the core city as well as the peripheral areas. The estimated outlay of the project is Rs 813 crore.**

**Works on Old City Development package, Charminar pedestrianisation project, Musi revitalization project, nala improvement, sports complexes, modernization of slaughter houses and fish markets, conservation of lakes and biodiversity parks, Mir Alam Tank development, Moula Ali road-ramp, road widening on HMR corridors and MMTS-II and various other projects were expedited.**

**On the welfare front, we have implemented several schemes including Vaddileni Runalu for self-help women groups, Abhaya Hastham, Janashree Bheema Yojana, Bangaru Talli, Rajiv Yuva Kiranulu, urban self employment programme, Vikasam, Aasara and night shelters for the homeless etc. We have also organized job melas in the South and Central Zones and secured placement for thousands of youth with reputed companies and employers.**

**It is pertinent to mention that GHMC has taken an initiative to enter into Sister City relationship with the important cities in the World and to cooperate in different sectors. Recently the Hon'ble Prime Minister of our country also made a reference of Hyderabad in Brisbane G-20 Meet to encourage City to City agreements in the future.**

**It is an honour for me that the GHMC hosted two International memorable events-- namely Conference of Parties (COP-11), a prestigious event of Convention of Bio-Diversity (CBD), which attracted more than 500 participants from 45 countries across the world—and the Metropolis World Mayors Conference-- in Hyderabad. The international delegates appreciated the development of GHMC in all its activities and they were very much impressed with the broad roads and greenery in and around the city and also the cosmopolitan culture of the city. They evinced interest in the Heritage and historical monuments maintained in Hyderabad and efforts being made for their preservation.**

**When I took over as Mayor, I had promised to ensure the development of civic infrastructure in the core city (erstwhile MCH) as well as the other areas (the extended area that covers erstwhile 12 municipalities) on a top priority. I had assured to do justice to all the 150 divisions to ensure that no area lags behind the others in terms of civic amenities.**

In furtherance of this objective, we had earmarked Rs one crore each for every corporator ward in the GHMC Budgets for 2012-13 and 2013-14 and we have also enhanced the corporator budget to Rs 1.5 crore per division in core area and Rs two crore per division in peripheral areas for taking up works identified by the respective corporators in the current financial year 2014-15. The funds included releases for sewerage and water works. We also stepped up the allocations for water supply, street-lighting and storm water and drainage networks in the peripheral areas.

During my tenure I have introduced number of new schemes and initiatives. We have also launched the food scheme (which has become quite popular). The new schemes envisaged in the 2014-15 budget include training programmes for youth and women, school approach improvement, construction of 24 function halls, 400 RO water plants, 1,000 toilets, 12 circle offices, theme and amusement parks, heritage tourism project, Gateway of Hyderabad, peripheral roads project and sports fellowships, etc. I sincerely hope that these works would be grounded and completed in the next few months.

During my tenure, I have sought the cooperation and suggestions of all the political parties represented in the GHMC to achieve our goal of making Greater Hyderabad a truly global city in terms of civic infrastructure and standards of living, even while preserving the rich cultural and historic heritage of Hyderabad. Apart from upgradation of civic infrastructure, we have focused on improvement of the delivery of various services by the GHMC through the Citizen Service Centres. We have also made all out efforts in the area of housing and poverty alleviation.

As I have stated repeatedly, a great challenge lies ahead of us to work for comprehensive development of our city in the direction of making it a Model city in the world. As the key civic body of the city rendering number of services to the citizens, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has a historic responsibility to perform.

On behalf of the GHMC, I have presented to the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the proposals under the draft annual development plans for the years 2015-16 to 2019-20. The GHMC has sought total assistance of Rs 3,736 crore towards 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grants. I am sure that with this massive assistance, GHMC would be able to keep up the pace of development that we have initiated, in the next five years.

**The proposed outlay includes Rs 119 crore for remodelling and construction of storm water drains, Rs 825 crore for flyovers, ROBs/ RUBs/ elevated corridors, Rs 150 crore for major and link roads, Rs 500 crore for Musi Revitalisation project Phase I, Rs 100 crore for protection works such as chain links and fencing, Rs 41 crore for street-lighting, Rs 485 crore for integrated municipal solid waste project under PPP mode, Rs 35 crore for parks and central nurseries, Rs 341 crore for women empowerment, livelihood promotion, Disabled Welfare and Senior Citizen Welfare, Rs 140 crore for road infrastructure improvements and intelligent transport system infrastructure, Rs 500 crore for Old City development and Rs 500 crore for public safety and security measures.**

**As I prepare to lay down my office, I take the opportunity to thank all the ex-officio members (Hon'ble MPs, MLAs and MLCs), Deputy Mayor, Standing Committee members, Floor leaders, corporator colleagues, co-option members, GHMC Commissioner, other officials of the GHMC and media friends for extending their fullest co-operation to me in the discharge of my duties as Mayor, GHMC.**

**I earnestly hope and trust that the GHMC would continue the good work and continue all the new schemes and initiatives that we have launched during the five-year tenure of the elected body, more so in the three years of my stewardship as Mayor.**

**I assure all the cooperation of my party to the GHMC administration in the months to come.**

**I also express my deepest gratitude to the citizens of Greater Hyderabad and wish them all the best.**

**Thank you.**