AIMIM'S TRACK RECORD IN GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Hyderabad is the sixth largest metropolitan city in the country after Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru. GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (GHMC) is the fourth biggest municipal corporation after Greater Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru.

GHMC was formed in April 2007 with the merger of Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad and 12 adjoining municipalities. GHMC is spread over an area of 650 sq kms with a population of 68 lakhs as per 2011 census.

ALL INDIA MAJLIS-E-ITTEHADUL MUSLIMEEN (AIMIM)'s nominee Mohammed Majid Hussain took over as the Mayor of GHMC on 3rdJanuary 2012. He completed his term on 3rd December 2014. The GHMC under AIMIM rule has many achievements to its credit in the 35-month period.

"SHAHER HAMARA, MAYOR HAMARA"

It was the vision of Salar-e-Millat 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.

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 Dalits—Kalra Prakash Rao, Anumula Satyanarayana and Allampalli Pochaiah. M K Mubeen and Mir Zulfiqar Ali were the other two AIMIM mayors.

Incidentally, during 2002-2007, AIMIM alongwith the Congress controlled the Standing Committee of MCH though Telugu Desam Party and Bharatiya Janata Party had their Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively. Again, after the formation of GHMC, the AIMIM-Congress alliance had been ruling this premier civic body since November 2009.

AIMIM MAYOR FOR GHMC:

During the last three years, the GHMC has grown from strength to strength, under the stewardship of AIMIM Mayor Mohammed Majid Hussain. GHMC's achievements during this period are many as AIMIM 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. AIMIM has also stuck to its promise of augmenting the GHMC's revenues without adding to the tax burden on the residents.

AIMIM Mayor has presented GHMC budgets for three financial years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. The total revenues of the Corporation have gone up from Rs 1,828 crores in 2011-12 to Rs 2,617 crores in 2013-14. The total expenditure went up from Rs 1,668 crores in 2011-12 to Rs 2,399 crores in 2013-14.

SURPLUS BUDGETS FOR GHMC:

When AIMIM mayor took over, the GHMC made a modest surplus of Rs 160 crores in 2011-12. The Corporation had a huge overdraft. GHMC cleared the loans and made a surplus of Rs 218 crores in 2013-14.

Apart from meeting the ever-increasing establishment and administrative expenses, the GHMC has 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 since January 2012, the GHMC has approved the report of Prasad Committee on the reorganization of GHMC administration and augmentation of staff. The Government has sanctioned additional staff of 2,607 for all the wings of the GHMC. The GHMC is in the process of increasing the number of circles from 18 to 30 with proper staffing in all the circles and zones of the Corporation.

RS 813-CRORES GHDP:

The GHMC, under AIMIM's stewardship, launched the Greater Hyderabad Development Plan (GHDP) 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 peripheral areas. The estimated outlay of the project is Rs 813 crores.

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 Hyderabad Metro Rail corridors and Multi-Modal Transport System-II and various other projects were expedited.

FOCUS ON BIODIVERSITY:

The GHMC hosted the 11th Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP-11), a prestigious event of Convention of Bio-Diversity (CBD) from 1st to 19th October 2012. The GHMC also co-hosted the Cities for Life, a parallel event to the CBD COP-11, during October 2012, which attracted more than 500 participants from 45 countries across the world. The GHMC spent Rs 265 crores on developmental and beautification works in connection with COP-11. The Corporation exclusively appointed an Additional Commissioner, Biodiversity Wing, to take care of environmental issues in the GHMC area.

When AIMIM took over the Mayor's post, it 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. AIMIM assured to do justice to all the 150 divisions to ensure that no area lags behind the others in terms of civic amenities.

BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR CORPORATOR DIVISIONS:

In furtherance of this objective, AIMIM directed the GHMC to allot Rs one crore each for every corporator ward in the GHMC Budget for 2012-13 and 2013-14 for taking up works identified by the respective corporators. The funds included releases for sewerage and water works. The GHMC also stepped up the allocations for water supply, street-lighting and storm water and drainage networks in the peripheral areas (non-core city).

The AIMIM Mayor presented the GHMC budget for 2014-15 with a record allocation of Rs 4,599 crores. A number of new schemes and initiatives are envisaged in the budget, including the food scheme (which has already been launched), training programmes for youth and women, school approach improvement, construction of 24 function halls, 400 Reverse Osmosis 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. The GHMC has also enhanced the corporator budget to Rs 1.5 crores per division in core area and Rs two crores per division in peripheral areas.

CITIZEN SERVICE CENTRES:

Thus, in the last three years, AIMIM strove hard to achieve the 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, AIMIM has focused on improvement of the delivery of various services by the GHMC

through the Citizen Service Centres. The GHMC has also made all-out efforts in the area of housing and poverty alleviation.

A great challenge lies ahead to work for comprehensive development of the 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.