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Urban Road Transport

Among the JNNURM projects, the widest road transport project is the ‘Upgradation of Stadium Link Road’ project. The project is aimed at improving the flow of traffic in and out of the city. The project includes the construction of new drains and covering the existing ones with slabs. The entire road has been upgraded to a four-lane width. About 30 percent of the road work has been completed. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 26.20 crore, Rs. 7.46 crore and Rs. 10.96 crore, respectively.

Land acquisition

The ROB projects are jointly funded by the Indi- an Railways. The projects include construction of ROBs at Pallippuram, Alappuzha and Trivandrum. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 44.82 crore, Rs. 3.82 crore and Rs. 15.20 crore, respectively. The total awarded amount is Rs. 22.50 crore and the work has been started with the Kerala Roads and Bridges Development Corporation (KRBDC).

Solid waste management

About 35 percent of the total waste generated in the city is collected in the first phase of collection. The second phase of collection is expected to be completed soon. The city is expected to implement a comprehensive waste management system in the city. The Refuse-Oriented Fuel (ROF) plant will be commissioned at Thiruvananthapuram.

We held a meeting with the Finance Minister and requested funds for land acquisition and environmental clearances. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year 2011.

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