

# Faulty DPRs delay JNNURM projects

**PLAN** Projects worth ₹2,229.66 cr are running upto 3 years late

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**JAIPUR:** The state government talks of making Jaipur a world-class city, projects to improve infrastructure under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are floundering due to faulty DPRs and politics.

Under the JNNURM, a central scheme to improve infrastructure facilities in urban areas in the country, projects worth ₹2,229.66 crore for two mission cities in Rajasthan - Jaipur and Ajmer have been sanctioned.

"The infighting in the Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC) between Congress and BJP has stalled work. JMC has no money, contractors have not been paid and work is moving at a snail's pace," says a senior official.

The works being done by JMC include overhauling the sewerage system in the walled city, revitalisation of the walled

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city, solid waste management for Jaipur, renewal of Chowkid Sarhad and conservation of Panna Meena Baori.

The JDA is executing the BRTS, which has been delayed due to public opposition after several accidents on the BRTS corridor on Sikar Road and then the constant change of routes by the government in light of the proposed Metro project.

The project period is from Dec 2005 to Jan 2012 but all projects are incomplete despite several extensions. The official said, "The projects are running two to three years late. The costs have risen due to the

delays and high tender premiums which rose due to defective DPRs submitted by PDCOR."

He said the DPRs were made and sanctions issued on forecast estimates without proper surveys. The tender premium for JDA's projects has gone up to ₹64.68 crore and that for JMC's projects stands at ₹147.26 crore.

The official said JMC's financial condition was also stalling the work. Three contractors — Rajesh Kumar and Company, Arihant Enterprises and BS Transport and Construction have not been paid from Sept 2009 to May 2010. "The JMC owes ₹4.5 crore to the three contractors. We have stopped work since the last four months. With the new JMC Board, all work has stopped," said Rakesh Yadav of Rajesh Kumar and Company.

Bhawani Singh of BS Transport and Construction said the JMC was now getting the garbage collection work

done at twice the cost as they have taken vehicles on rate contract. Jaipur is implementing a sub-mission project under the JNNURM, Basic Services to Urban Poor. This project envisaged the redevelopment of Sanjay Nagar Bhatta Basti.

The official said under this project, 12,000 flats were to be built on 70 hectares for those living in the slum near Amanishah Nallah.

"But no flats have been built. Earlier there was a tangle between JMC and the Forest Department over land ownership. Then it was decided that the department would be given 70 hectares land at an alternative site. After that politics intervened. Leaders promised residents would be given 50 sq yards plots instead of flats. This led to a stalemate," he said.

JMC SE KK Sharma, said there were some hitches, those had been resolved and work on the projects was progressing.

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