

Examrace

Urban Local Government: Municipalities and Constitutionalisation

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Urban Local Government is Constitutionalized by 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992

Urban Local Government is dealt by three Ministries at Centre level

- Ministry of Urban Development
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Home Affairs

Eight Types of Urban Local Government

- 1) Municipal Corporation
- 2) Municipality
- 3) Notified Area Committee
- 4) Town Area Committee
- 5) Cantonment Board
- 6) Township
- 7) Port trust
- 8) Special Purpose Agency

Constitutionalisation

- Rajiv Gandhi Government was to introduced the bill in Lok Sabha in 1989: Bill Lapsed
- National Front Government introduced Revised Nagarpalika Bill in Lok Sabha in 1990: Bill Lapsed
- P V Narasimha Rao's Government introduced the modified bill in the Lok Sabha in 1991: Bill was passed and emerged as 74th Constitutional Amendment Act

74th Amendment Act

- Added new Part IX-A to the constitution
- Consists Article 243-P to 243-ZG

- Added 12th Schedule which contains Eighteen Subjects like Town Planning , Construction of Buildings, Water Supply , Public Health , Urban Forestry , Slum improvement, etc.
- This Act Constitutionalized Municipalities
- This Act aims to strengthen Urban Government

Salient Features of the Act

- Three Types of Municipalities
- Composition
- Ward Committees
- Reservation of Seats
- Duration of Municipalities
- State Election Commission

Types of Urban Government

Municipal Corporation

- They are created by States for the administration of metropolitan cities having population more than 1 Million/10,00, 000
- It has three authorities: the Council, the Standing Committee and the Commissioner
- The Council is Legislative Wing of the Corporation and headed by a Mayor
- The Standing Committee facilitate working of the Council
- The Municipal Commissioner is the Chief Executive Authority of the Corporation

Municipality

- They are established by the State for the administration of Towns and Smaller Cities having population 1,00, 000 to 10,00, 000
- They have three authorities: the Council , the Standing Committee and the Chief Executive officer
- The Council is headed by President or Chairman
- The Standing Committee facilitate working of the council
- The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the State Government

Notified Area Committee

- Created for the Administration of two types of areas - fast developing area and are which is yet not developed important

- Established by a notification in Government Gazette
- It is neither an elected body nor a statutory body

Town Area Committee

- It is setup for Small Town
- Entrusted with limited functions
- Created by a Separate Act of State Legislature

Cantonment Board

- Established for Civilian population in Cantonment Area
- It works under Defense Ministry
- Administered by Central Government
- There are 62 Cantonment Boards in the Country which are grouped into four categories
- It consists of partly elected and partly nominated members

Township

- Built by large public enterprise for its staff and workers
- It appoints a town administrator
- It has no elected members

Port Trust

- Established in Port Areas
- Created by Parliamentary Act

Special Purpose Agency

- These are functions based bodies
- Also known as Functional Local Bodies
- They are Autonomous Bodies

Municipal Personnel

- Separate personnel system
- Unified personnel system
- Integrated personnel system

Municipal Revenue

- Tax Revenues

- Non-Tax Revenues
- Grant's
- Devolution
- Loans

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