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ROLE OF PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SLUMS

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ABSTRACT

Pune is the eighth largest city and eighth largest metropolis in India, and the second largest in the state of Maharashtra after Mumbai. As per 2001 census population of Pune is 25,38,473. Out of that 40% population are slum dwellers. The city of Pune is managed by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) which is governed by The Bombay provisional municipal corporation Act 1949. As per the secondary information collected from PMCs CITY DEVELOPMENT PALN 2006-2012, there are 564 slums in Pune city. With growing economic activity in Pune, the slum population has been increasing at a tremendous rate. Due to constant growth in Pune's slum population and pressure on the existing basic services to slums which is provided by Pune municipal corporation the present study is undertaken.

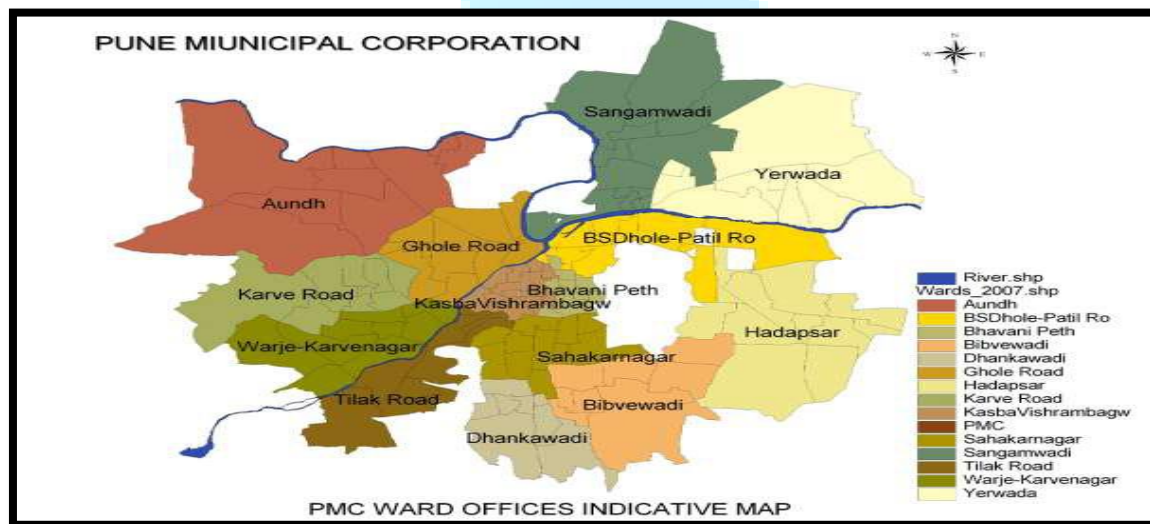
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1. INTRODUCTION

Pune is the eighth largest city and eighth largest metropolis in India, and the second largest in the state of Maharashtra after Mumbai. As per 2001 census population of Pune is 25,38,473. Out of that 40% population are slum dwellers. The city of Pune is managed by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) which is governed by The Bombay provisional municipal corporation Act 1949. The Corporation consists of 149 directly elected councilors who are led by the Mayor of Pune, a titular position mainly acting as an ambassador and representative of the city. Actual executive power is vested in the Municipal Commissioner, an officer of the Indian Administrative Service who is appointed by the Government of Maharashtra. There are 14 administrative wards and 4 divisional offices/zones. The administrative wing of PMC is divided into 14 wards, each headed by a ward officer.

FIG. 1



Source: Pune Municipal Corporation Scity Development Plan 2006-2012

Apart from the PMC, four other administrative bodies are active within the Pune Metropolitan Area:

- ❖ Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) responsible for Pimpri-Chinchwad and its surroundings)
- ❖ Khadki Cantonment Board (KCB), responsible for Khadki –Pune 3
- ❖ Pune Cantonment Board (PCB), responsible for Pune Cantonment Pune -1
- ❖ Dehu Road Cantonment Board, responsible for the Dehu Road area

As per the secondary information collected from PMCs CITY DEVELOPMENT PALN 2006-2012, there are 564 slums in Pune city, of which 353 are declared and 211 undeclared slums. [but As per information from Shelter Associates, an NGO working on Pune Slums the total number of slums is 447 (253 declared, 113 undeclared, 9 partly declared, 8 in process of rehabilitation and 64 not recorded)]

With growing economic activity in Pune, the slum population has been increasing at a tremendous rate. According to the Census of India and ESR 2004-05 the growth of the slum population was higher than that of the total population. It is observed that during 1971, the annual growth in slum population was about 10 per cent against the total growth in population at 3.5 per cent. This trend continued further but at a lower pace and picked up again in 2001. In terms of proportion of the population living in slums, it has also increased from 15 per cent in 1961 to 40 percent in 2001. This growth in the composition of slum population could be attributed to non-availability of housing stock at affordable costs, leading to the emergence of a large number of slums.

2. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of the study are:

1. To study the role Pune municipal corporation in development of slums.
2. To Study the notification process and The basic Services To Slum
3. To suggest the measures for sustainable development.

3. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Pune municipal corporation plays vital role in sustainable development of slums in pune city through Notifying slums.

4. DEFINITIONS

1. ANNUAL SLUM SERVICE CHARGES

Annual slum service charges are the charges for slum services which are provided by Pune Municipal Corporation.

2. TAX

Tax is a charge or burden laid upon persons or property for the support of a government.

3. MUNICIPAL TAXES

The municipal tax is imposed on holders of buildings and land by virtue of the law. The charges is prepared once a year and refers to the period between April 1 to March 31 of the same year.

4. SLUMS

According to the Maharashtra Slum Areas, (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act of 1971, a slum is loosely defined as 'a congested, unhygienic area or buildings that are public hazards.'

5. NOTIFIED SLUM DWELLERS/ DECLARED SLUM DWELLERS

Under a resolution passed by the government of Maharashtra slum dwellers that have lived in the city prior to 1995 are recognized as legitimate dwellers who are entitled to resettlement if evicted and so merits basic services

6. MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

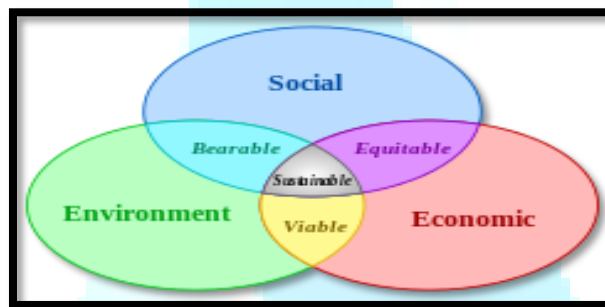
An incorporated political subdivision of a state that is composed of the citizens of a designated geographic area and which performs certain state functions on a local level and possesses such powers as are conferred upon it by the state. A municipal corporation is a city, town, village, or borough that has governmental powers.

7. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

According to the World Commission on Environment and Development's (the Brundtland Commission, 1987) "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Sustainable Development suggest that meeting the needs of the future depends on how well we balance social, economic, and environmental objectives--or needs--when making decisions today.

FIG. 2



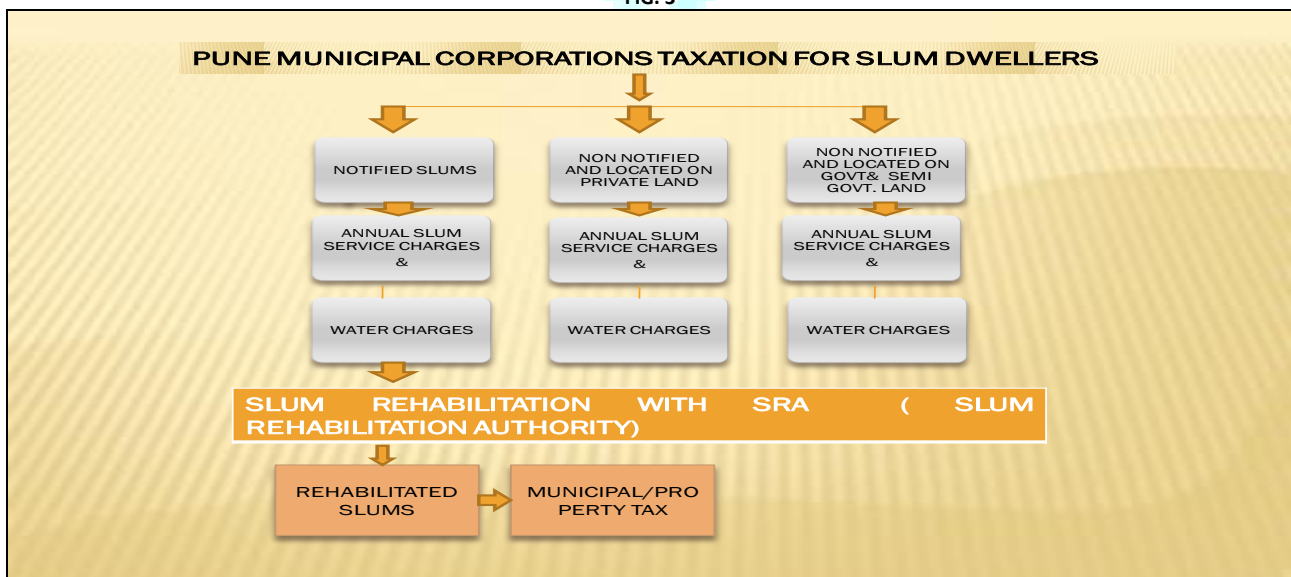
5. THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO SLUMS

The administrative wing of PMC is divided into 14 wards, each headed by a ward officer. The total strength of officers and employees at PMC is about 16,731, as against the approved employment level of about 17,986. Following are the prime functional departments of PMC:

- ❖ General Administration Public Health
- ❖ Municipal Secretary Water Supply
- ❖ Tax Collection, Octroi Sewerage
- ❖ Public Security- Fire & Street Lighting Accounts and Audit
- ❖ Education Slum Clearance/Improvement
- ❖ City Development, Primary Health
- ❖ Public Works Transport Department / Workshop

6. THE PATTERN OF COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL CHARGES FROM SLUM DWELLERS OF PMC

FIG. 3



WHY NOTIFICATION

Under a resolution passed by the government of Maharashtra slum dwellers that have lived in the city prior to 1995 are recognized as legitimate dwellers who are entitled to resettlement if evicted and so merits basic services & have to pay municipal charges like Annual slum service charges & water taxes to PMC slum development department (Zopadpatti Punarvasan Vibhag). {Criteria for notification has changed, that is Maharashtra slum dwellers that have lived in the city prior to 2001 are recognized as legitimate dwellers}

SLUM LOCATIONS IN THE 14 ADMINISTRATIVE WARD OFFICES OF THE PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

TABLE 1

Sr no.	ADMINISTRATIVE WARD	NO. OF SLUMS	NO. OF SLUM STRUCTURE	NO. OF NOTIFIED SLUMS	NO. OF NOTIFIED SLUMS STRUCTURE	NO. OF SLUMS INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION WITH SRA	NO. OF SLUMS INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION WITH SRA STRUCTURE
1.	Aundh	34	8,682	20	6,548	2	579
2.	Kothrud	23	12,887	12	7933	10	6,010
3.	Ghole Road	50	15,038	31	13294	17	6919
4.	Warje-Karvenagar	27	10,675	11	3,177	4	1,016
5.	Dhole-Patil Road	62	16,177	25	6789	10	2120
6.	Hadapsar	56	16,256	19	7616	13	4423
7.	Ahamadnagar Road	13	5,871	7	4,623	5	1,138
8.	Sangamwadi	53	21,231	19	11582	4	1739
9.	Bhavani Peth	62	12,933	38	9157	14	4687
10.	Kasba-Visrambaugwada	12	2,161	3	733	2	760
11.	Sahakarnagar	27	13,828	21	13,368	7	7,203
12.	Tilak Road	42	16,958	20	13464	13	10357
13.	Bibwewadi	11	3,820	8	1,781	2	468
14.	Dhankavdi	5	1,066	4	981	0	0
Total		477	1,57,583	238		103	

Source: Taken From SLUM ATLAS Prepared By Ngo MASHAL Along With The Pune Municipal Corporation's Urban Community Development Department And Another NGO CHF International

7. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**❖ SOURCES OF DATA**

The study is exploratory in nature and is based on both primary and secondary data. Secondary data was collected from various journals, articles, working papers, NGO reports etc. Primary data was enumerated from a field survey in the study region. (Pune municipal corporation)

❖ AREA OF SAMPLING

The study was conducted in the Pune municipal corporation through a field survey

❖ SAMPLE SIZE

50 samples from 2 WARD(Dhole-Patil Road , Bhavani Peth) from the area of study have been considered to conduct the present study.

❖ METHOD FOR DATA COLLECTION

A structured interview schedule was prepared and used for collecting data from the notified slum dwellers. Corporators, tax officer, Gavani department , Both open ended and close ended questions were included in the schedule.

8. THUS THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS

1. Pune municipal corporation is playing a vital role in making available basic services to slums although *There is* constant growth in Pune's slum population and pressure on the existing basic services to slums which is provided by Pune municipal corporation.
2. There is no documentation of slum dwellers record in pune municipal corporation
3. There is lack of mechanism for collection of annual slum service charges & water taxes (municipal charges).
4. There is need of awareness of slum dwellers on why to pay municipal charges .
5. Maximum number of respondents accepted that, the objectives of PMCs behind notifying slums are not accomplished due to changing policies of government.
6. There is constant growth in Pune's slum population and pressure on the existing basic services to slums which is provided by Pune municipal corporation.

9. SUGGESTIONS

1. There should be public participation(slum participation) in development process.
2. There should be financial assistance from slums to Pune Municipal Corporation.
3. For sustainable development of slums ,There should be proper mechanism for collection of annual slum service charges & water taxes (municipal charges),where every slum has unique identity code like property tax payer .
4. Corporators /Pune municipal corporations should take initiative to make awareness of " Why to Pay annual slum service charges & water taxes (municipal charges".)
5. There should be **Pune Municipal Corporation & Slum Association** .Vasahat Adhikari / Divisional Officer should have contact with all slums under the area.

10. CONCLUSION

Thus it can be concluded from the above study that Pune municipal corporation is playing a vital role in making available basic services to slums although *There is* constant growth in Pune's slum population and pressure on the existing basic services to slums which is provided by Pune municipal corporation. There is need of proper mechanism to implement notifying slum strategies and awareness of this subject among slum dwellers Countries need to recognize that the urban poor are active agents and not just beneficiaries of development.

Local governments should develop strategies to prevent the formation of new slums. These should include access to affordable land, reasonably priced materials, employment opportunities, and basic infrastructure and social services.

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