

## Status of Reforms in West Bengal

	Reform Agenda	Target Date	Status	Remarks	
<b>STATE LEVEL REFORMS</b>	1	74th Constitution Amendment Act. (transfer 12 sch. Function)	-	All the provision of C.A.A. (74 <sup>th</sup> Amendment Act) have been implemented	All the functions listed in 12th Schedule, except Fire service, have been transferred to ULB before launch of JNNURM.
		74th Constitution Amendment Act. (constitution of DPC)	-	Implemented	West Bengal District Planning Committee Act, 1994
		74th Constitution Amendment Act. (constitution of MPC)	-	Implemented	West Bengal Metropolitan Planning Committee Act, 1994
	2	Transfer- City Planning Function	-	Implemented	ULB level perspective & development planning has been completed for the first generation of plan called Development Plans covering all the vital aspects of physical, infrastructural and socio-economic and environmental aspects.
		Transfer - Water Supply & Sanitation	-	Implemented	Large projects, trans-municipal schemes with high investment requirement are designed and implemented by parastatal bodies like KMDA, PHE Dept., KMW&SA etc. Eventually assets created under these projects are time to time handed over to the concerned ULBs for O&M. So far out of 127 ULBs, 86 ULBs manage the water supply schemes.
		Transfer - Public transport			
	3	Reform of Rent Control Laws balancing the interest of landlords and tenants	Year 2 (2006-07)	Implemented	Based on the Model rent control legislation circulated by the Govt of India, the State Govt. had enacted the W.B. Premises Tenancy Act 1997 revising the earlier Act of 1956 after taking in to account the views of the tenants association and house owners association.
	4	Rationalization of Stamp Duty to bring it down to no more than 5% within next seven years	Year 7 (2011-12)	Under implementation	Stamp duty has been revised from 8% to 6% with effect from August 2006 in case of the properties situated in Municipalities and Notified Areas. In case of properties situated in Kolkata and Howrah MC areas the additional surcharge of 2% has also been dispensed with.
	5	Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act	Year 7 (2011-12)	Under examination of the expert committee	An Expert Committee was set up to examine the scope of repeal of ULCRA. Their report has been submitted to the State Govt. and presently under examination.
	6	Enactment of Community Participation Law to institutionalize citizen participation and introduction of the concept of Area Sabha in urban areas	Year 4 (2008-09)	Implemented	Necessary amendment to the West Bengal Municipal Act has been made in 2008 to incorporate the provision related to constitution of Area Sabha.
7	Enactment of Public Disclosure Law to ensure preparation of medium term fiscal plan of ULBs/ Parastatals and release of quarterly performance information to all stakeholders.	Year 4 (2008-09)	Implemented	Necessary amendment to the West Bengal Municipal Act has been made in 2008 to incorporate the provision related to community participation in municipal area.	

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<b>ULB LEVEL REFORMS</b>	1	E-Governance set up	Year 3 (2007-08)	Ongoing	The standardized module has been pilot tested in Barrackpore municipality. So far the module has been introduced in 15 out of 41 ULBs in KMA and in process of being implemented in rest of the ULBs. Training of the municipal staffs is on going.
	2	Shift to Accrual Based Double Entry Accounting (full migration)	Year 2 (2006-07) for KMA	Implemented	Double Entry Accounting System has already been implemented in all the ULBs in KMA (except Dankuni which has recently become a municipality) and all the ULBs have switched over to DEAS.
			Year 3 (2007-08) for AUA	In progress	In AUA the process of implementation is complete in 3 ULBs whereas 90% progress has been made in the remaining 2 ULBs.
			Year 4 (2008-09) for Non-Mission cities	In progress	For Non-Mission cities out of 80 ULBs full migration has been made in 40 ULBs. 90% progress has been made in the remaining
	3	Property Tax (85% coverage)	Year 7 (2011-12)	In process	Most of the ULBs, in both the mission cities, have more than 90% coverage ratio during the year 2008-09. For Non-Mission cities – out of 80 ULBs, 50 ULBs have achieved the target during the year 2008-09. For remaining ULBs, major portion of the properties has been covered.
			Year 7 (2011-12)	In process	Achieved in 50% ULBs against the target in the corresponding year. Most of the ULBs are lagging behind the targets due to huge arrear in collection from large defaulters including Govt. establishments and sick industries. For Non-Mission cities, achieved in 35% against the target. Due to huge arrear of property tax from large defaulters including both central and state government establishments, ULBs are lagging behind.
	4	100% cost recovery (water supply)	Year 7 (2011-12)	In process	In process and being monitored against phase-wise interim targets.
		100% cost recovery (SWM)	Year 7 (2011-12)	In process	In process and being monitored against phase-wise interim targets.
	5	Internal earmarking of funds for services to Urban poor	-	Initiated and ULBs have been instructed to keep the provision in their annual budget.	State Government Order vide No. 1249/MA/C/10/3S-61/07 dated 26.10.07 has been issued in this regard. The same has also been incorporated to in the financial plan of the DDPs of each of the ULBs. ULBs have already earmarked 25% for this purpose in the respective municipal budget. Regular monitoring is being done so that the same is utilized for providing basic services for the urban poor.
	6	Provision of basic services to urban poor	-	In process	All the ULBs in KMA and AUA have already been covered under Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor Programme supported by DFID, Govt. of UK. ULBs are also taking initiative

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					to converge other Central and State Government sponsored schemes along with BSUP. From the household survey and socio-economic survey conducted time to time, the areas which lack sufficient provision for basic services, have been identified and steps are being taken to provide those areas with such services from both central and state government grants.
<b>OPTIONAL REFORMS</b>	1	Introduction of Property Title Certification System in ULBs.	Year 7 (2011-12)	Under Examination	-
	2	Revision of by-laws to streamline the approval process for construction of buildings, development of sites etc.	Year 2 (2006-07)	Achieved	Amendment made in this regard and provision incorporated in the West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rule 2007.
	3	Revision of by-laws to make rain water harvesting mandatory	Year 2 (2006-07)	Achieved	Amendment made in this regard and provision incorporated in the West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rule 2007.
	4	Earmarking at least 25% developed land in all housing projects (both public and private agencies) for EWS/LIG category	Year 7 (2011-12)	Under Process	For the housing sector, necessary earmarking has already been done for the public and joint sector projects. Policy for earmarking in case housing projects by public projects is under consideration.
	5	Simplification of legal and procedural frameworks for conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes	Year 1 (2005-06)	Achieved	Necessary provisions have been made in the West Bengal Land Reforms Manual and Government Order issued from L&LR Department, dated 06.03.06.
	6	Introduction of Computerized process of Registration of land and property	Year 2 (2006-07)	Almost completed	Done in entire KMA & AUA except in one registration office. For Non-Mission areas, out of 237 registration offices, 215 have been completed, 17 will be completed by October, 2009 and 5 are involved in court cases, which will be done after the they are resolved.
	7	Revision of by-laws for reuse of recycled waste water	Year 2 (2006-07)	Achieved	Amendment made in this regard and provision incorporated in the West Bengal Municipal (Building) Rule 2007.
	8	Administrative Reforms i.e. reduction in establishment by bringing out voluntary retirement schemes, non filling up of the posts falling vacant due to retirement etc., and achieving specified milestones in this regard.	Year 5 (2009-10)	Under Process	Process has already been initiated. A committee led by the Mayor, KMC has recently submitted their report on rational staffing norms for the ULBs.

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	9	<p>Structural Reforms</p> <p>a) Institutional strengthening of ULBs and support agencies</p> <p>b) Citizens' charter</p> <p>c) E-governance</p> <p>d) Best practices awards</p>	Year 7 (2011-12)	Under Process	<p>MED &amp; DLB strengthened; strengthening of District Urban Development Agency (DUDA) has been done. In each district, post of District Municipal Development Officer has been created. West Bengal Municipal Executive Officer Cadre has been constituted. Necessary recruitment rules have been framed and under examination of Public Service Commission. Steps have been taken to create West Bengal Municipal Finance Officer Cadre.</p> <p>Proposal for creation of new posts in ULBs like Urban Planner, I.T. Coordinator, Accounts &amp; Finance Coordinator, Livelihood Development Officer is under active consideration.</p> <p>Under KUSP initiative all the ULBs in the State have published their citizens' charters developed through a participatory process</p> <p>The Change Management Unit, under KUSP support, has already initiated implementation of e-governance programme across the ULBs. KMC, under capacity building programme supported by DFID, has already launched e-governance.</p> <p>CMU, under KUSP support, is already conducting various competitions across ULBs, on various themes related to improved municipal services, governance and environmental aesthetics.</p>
	10	Encouraging Private Public Partnership		On going	<p>PPP policy adopted by GoWB. Number of PPP proposals taken up including distribution of water supply in NDITA and Haldia. For Non-Mission cities, similar projects have been taken up at Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority and many ULBs.</p>