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FOREWORD

As required under Section 124 of the B. M. C. Act, I place the Administration report for the year 1988-89 before the Corporation. The report highlights the progress of the activities carried out and services rendered by various Civic Departments during the year 1988-89.

Due to increased activities at Municipal Hospitals and schools, Expansion Schemes of Hospitals and Schools were undertaken during 1988-89. Major repairs to some Municipal Hospitals and School Buildings were also undertaken. For carrying out water proofing works, area-wise annual water proofing contractors were appointed on the basis of annual Petty Works contractors as suggested by the members of the Standing Committee.

The Slum Improvement Cell has undertaken the work of providing basic amenities to slum dwellers under the Environmental Improvement Scheme as per the detailed programme supplied by B.H.A.D., Board. Slum Upgradation and Community Welfare Activities were also undertaken under the Bombay Urban Development Project.

The Environmental Sanitation and Projects Wing of the Corporation was engaged in abatement of Air, Water and Noise Pollution by various industries.

The finalised Draft Revised Development Plan submitted by the Corporation is under the consideration of the State Government.

Road maintenance work was restricted to attending bad patches and practically no new road works, were taken in hand.

Private firms were entrusted with the development of traffic islands and provision of road safety dividers. Work of improvement of street lighting by providing Sodium Vapour lamps was taken up and some portions of arterial roads and fly overs in the city were provided with such lighting.

Certain works of providing and laying of storm water drains and construction of roads were taken up under the Prime Minister's Grant Project. Construction of storm water drains and roads was also undertaken under the Bombay Urban Development Project at sites being developed by MHADA for housing the low income groups and enonomically weaker sections.

The Solid Waste Management Department was engaged in sweeping, collection and disposal of garbage and removal of debris due to road excavation and building repairs.

The Department is also implementing LOGFAS Component of BUDP-I assisted by the World Bank through BMRDA. Under this project, it is proposed to procure equipments such as compactors, dumpers and excavators. The mechanised refuse Transfer Station which was proposed under this project is now dropped it is proposed to purchase 30 compactors and increase the capacity of the present refuse Transfer Station at Mahalaxmi from 180 tonnes to 500 tonnes per day by carrying out civil works and procuring 15 bulk carriage vehicles.

Preliminary works of Bombay-III Water Supply Projects were in progress. The project aims at bringing an additional 455 MLD of water to Greater Bombay which will help narrowing the gap between demand and supply of water from 36% to 18%.

Works under Bombay-II Sewerage Project amounting to Rs. 461 crores (as revised in November, 1988) were in progress including pumping and disposal works amounting to Rs. 166.38 crores and mechanical and electrical works amounting to Rs. 55.36 crores.

The Civic Training Institute and Research Centre organised and conducted training programmes in Technical, Administrative, Financial and Management areas related to Municipal Service Disciplines for all levels of civic employees. In addition to this Systems Studies were also carried out.

As regards health situation in Greater Bombay, the birth and death rates for 1987 were 22.2 and 7.3 respectively. The infant mortality rate for 1000 live births was 56.3, while the maternal mortality rate was 0.5. During the year 1987, 2,19,991 births and 72,759 deaths were registered. Out of the 21 notifiable diseases, sporadic cases of infective hepatitis and meningococal meningitis were reported. However, there were no epidemics during the year.

The Indian Population Project V has been undertaken by the Public Health Department with assistance of the World Bank. The project is for strengthening and expansion of preventive and promotive health care services with a special emphasis on family Welfare, Maternal and Child Health Services.

The Assessment and Collection Department, a major revenue earning department of the Corporation collected Rs. 262.08 Crores towards property taxes including Government taxes and Rs. 318.06 crores towards octroi. The total collection made during 1988-89 was Rs. 580.14 crores which was Rs. 77.27 crores more than the previous year's collection of Rs. 502.87 crores.