

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Details</b>
(i)	<b>The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties</b>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>The Directorate of Urban Development was established during the year 1985-86 to direct, control and monitor the activities of the Urban Local Bodies in the state of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Directorate has been assigned the responsibility to look after the legislative, Administrative and Development activities of 54 Municipalities (Local Urban Bodies) i.e. 2 Municipal Corporation, 30 Municipal Councils and 22 Nagar Panchayats which covers 6.89 Lac urban population (2011 census report) which is about 9.2% of the total population of the state.</p> <p><b>Functions and Duties</b></p> <p>From 1986 to May,1994, the Directorate was performing nominal regulatory functions which merely relates to the coordination of development works, release of grants and passing of municipal budgets. Consequent upon the 74th amendment of the constitution and the enactment of 3 new Municipal Acts viz. <b>H.P. Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, Municipal Act, 1994</b> and <b>H.P Municipal Services Act 1994</b>, numerous Constitutional, Statutory and obligatory functions are entrusted to the Directorate. The 74th Constitutional Amendment envisages greater decentralization of administrative, legislative and financial functions to the Urban Local Government coupled with more and more functional autonomy to all the municipalities.</p> <p>These new Acts have bestowed upon the Municipalities numerous additional functions which are in conformity with the 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution. The 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule in Article 243 W enumerates 18 functions as under:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Urban Planning including Town Planning.</li> <li>2. Regulation of land-use and constructions of</li> </ol>

- buildings.
3. Planning for economic and social development.
  4. Roads and bridges.
  5. Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.
  6. Public health, sanitation conservancy and solid waste management.
  7. Fire services.
  8. Urban forestry, protection of the environment and promotion of ecological aspects.
  9. Safeguarding the interests of weaker sections of society, including the handicapped and mentally retarded.
  10. Slum improvement and upgradation.
  11. Urban poverty alleviation.
  12. Provision of urban amenities and facilities such as parks, gardens, playgrounds.
  13. Promotion of cultural, educational and aesthetic aspects.
  14. Burials and burial grounds; cremations, cremation grounds and electric crematoriums.
  15. Cattle pounds; prevention of cruelty to animals.
  16. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths.
  17. Public amenities including street lighting, parking lots, bus stops and public conveniences.
  18. Regulation of slaughter houses and tanneries".

*The three functions(at sr. no. 1 to 3) in the past were not part of the previous Municipal Acts probably due to the fact that these obligatory responsibilities of the municipal bodies were being derived from the State Town Planning Act under which the implementation of plans/ schemes are being done by them in their respective areas.*

**The Directorate has been completely recognised and formed as the Apex Administrative Unit to regulate, control, direct, guide, administer, coordinate and monitor the functioning of the Urban Local Bodies**