

**Amendment in the Revised Guidelines for Divya Nagar Yojna, Haryana issued vide letter no. Tech/Sect-VII/2023/914 dated 20.02.2023**

## 1. Introduction

Municipalities are important institutions of self-governance to provide physical infrastructure and civic amenities in urban areas. Haryana's steady transformation into a predominantly urban society is now a demographic and economic reality.

With over 35% people living in urban areas, the state is one of the highly urbanised states in India. As with any urbanized and industrialized economy, the urban centres are the hubs of economic and growth. With improved connectivity across the State, the growth pattern is a contiguous urban growth along major corridors. The impact of such a clustered growth along the corridors is pressure on the Municipalities to respond to the challenge of urban growth and service delivery and will be a challenge in the years to come. Consequently, its urban population increased from 24.6% in 1991 to 28.93% in the year 2001 and to 34.8% in the year 2011.

This rapid growth in urban population is attributable mainly to rapid industrialization and proximity of Haryana to National Capital Territory of Delhi. This has put additional pressure on existing infrastructure in terms of increased demand for housing, up-gradation of infrastructure, provision of civic amenities etc.

## 2. Objectives

Haryana is a developing State which needs many initiatives for Infrastructure development. A number of measures are required to make the environment clean & healthy. Cities and towns represent the vigour of society. Necessity has arisen to improve the quality of living beyond provision of basic infrastructure. Hon'ble CM has announced a new scheme namely Divya Nagar Yojna during the Budget Speech in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha on 08.03.2022 for development of the social, cultural and environmental aspects of our urban areas.

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### 3. Strategy

Implementation Framework of each ULB be prepared with a road map of activities covering the three important areas necessary for the Programme:

- (i) Planning
- (ii) Implementation
- (iii) Sustainability

### 4. Components of the Scheme

The Scheme will focus on development of following:

- (i) Tourist Infrastructure
- (ii) Development of Sports Infrastructure
- (iii) Development of City Parks and Green Spaces
- (iv) City Beautification, Redesign and Beautification of Road Junctions
- (v) Integrated Control and Command Based Infrastructure
- (vi) Energy Efficient Smart Street Light System with CCMS
- (vii) Development of Social and Cultural Infrastructure such as auditoriums and open air theatres
- (viii) Technology-based Interventions in Municipal Governance including Citizen Facilitation.

### 5. Formulation, Appraisal and Approval of Projects

The concerned ULBs will submit infrastructure projects as per guidelines of the scheme for appraisal and approval to the competent authority as per powers delegated by State Government from time to time.

### 6. Release of funds

The funds will be contributed between State Government and concerned Municipality in the following ratio:

Sr.no	Municipality	State Share	Municipality Share
1.	Corporation	50	50
2.	Council	65	35
3.	Committee	75	25

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The funds shall only be released to those Municipalities (excluding Municipal Corporation, Gurugram) who will bear the cost of the project in above ratio. Municipalities may augment their share of funding through alternative sources like raising municipal bonds, accessing capital markets, loans/credits.

For availing grants under this Scheme, DPRs are required to be prepared with minimum project cost as following:

Sr.no	Municipality	Minimum Project Cost (for Individual Project)
1.	Corporation	Rs.5 Crore
2.	Council	Rs.2 Crore
3.	Committee	Rs.1 Crore

The ULBS will be required to prepare and develop DPRs for identified infrastructure projects before availing assistance under the scheme.

Funds under this scheme may be provided to the concerned municipality in two instalments for the infrastructure development projects, as per requirement. Second instalment shall be released to the municipalities after utilization of 75% of 1st instalment of grant including their own share and submission of utilization certificate of that amount.

## 7. Implementation

The scheme shall be implemented through the concerned municipality as per the aforesaid guidelines on the HEW portal.

## 8. Monitoring of Projects

- The scheme will be monitored by the concerned municipality under the supervision of Commissioner of Municipal Corporation or the District Municipal Commissioner (DMC) concerned.
- The Municipal Commissioner or the District Municipal Commissioner (DMC) will review the progress of the approved projects on monthly basis and submit progress reports to the Directorate, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the following month.

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- c) Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana would also review and monitor the progress of projects sanction under the Scheme from time to time.
- d) Quality control and monitoring of development works under this scheme will be monitored as per orders issued by Government from time to time.
- e) Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department may review as often as required to review/monitor the progress of projects sanctioned under this Yojna.

## 9. Outcomes of the Scheme

The followings are the specific outcomes envisaged under the scheme.

- Improved basic urban infrastructure at existing and emerging tourist destinations and gateways.
- Improved sanitation standards at natural and cultural tourist attractions with convenience and safety for visitors.
- Properly conserved, revitalized and beautified heritage monuments.
- Greater participation by local communities in tourism-related economic and livelihood activities.
- Heritage resources are mainstreamed with city systems and city economy.
- Improvement in the service level benchmarks indicators for urban service delivery
- Increase in the inflow of the tourist to cities and their duration of stay
- Improvement in social safety and reduction in crime
- Substantial improvement in local economy and quality of life of its communities.

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