

## FOREWORD

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow was established by the Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India, in January 1968. The Centre is operational in seven states of India, covering viz. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, & Uttarakhand. The Centre is working in the field of Urban Administration, Urban Management & Urban Development in the above mentioned seven States. Under the above the Centre conducts training and capacity building programmes for the Officials & Elected Representatives of the Urban Local Bodies and other parastatal. Apart from this the Centre also conducts Research, provides Consultancy and maintains Data Bank on urban related issues. The Centre is implementing Govt. of India's schemes like JNNURM & UIDSSMT; along with this the Centre is also implementing, monitoring, evaluation & providing training under different projects in collaboration with various International Organizations.

India is the second largest populous country in the world. Approximately thirty percent of the population resides in the urban India while their contribution to the GDP accounts for more than sixty percent. The population of India has increased more the two and a half times, while the population the urban areas have increased more than four times in the last fifty years. Due to increasing population pressure in the urban areas the condition of basic civic services is deteriorating day by day,.

Uttar Pradesh is the most populous State in the country and its approximately twenty-one percent population is urban. While the urban population of the state has increased more than four times in last fifty years. Uttar Pradesh has 627 Urban Local Bodies (12 Nagar Nigam, 194 Nagar Palika Parishad and 421 Nagar Panchayat). The statistical data relating to urban local bodies has an important role to play in research and implementation of various governmental programmes and policies. But since a long time it has been felt that there is lack of consolidated data on urban local bodies.

Keeping the above need in mind and also pursuing our basic responsibility of data bank and dissemination of information, the Centre is publishing consolidated Statistical Data on Urban Local Bodies of Uttar Pradesh. This publication will promote not only research and policy formulation but will also benefit the officials, elected representatives and citizens at large, which will fulfill the objective of this publication.

With best wishes,

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