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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

**Sub :** Devolution of planning functions to the Urban Local Bodies under the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional (Amendment) Act – reg.

**PREAMBLE:**

The devolution of planning functions to the Urban Local Bodies under the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional (Amendment) Act, is under active consideration of the Government. Government is working out the modalities on this issue and also the role to be played by the Urban Development Authorities / Planning Authorities, once the planning functions are transferred to the Urban Local Bodies. But till such time, the Urban Local Bodies which are elected bodies need to have a greater say in the preparation of Master Plans, which is not being witnessed at present. Government intends that the Urban Local Bodies should play a role in the preparation of Master Plan.

Presently, the Master Plans are being prepared as per the provisions of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 at two stages i.e., draft and final. Government feels that the draft Master Plan prepared by the Planning Authorities before being submitted to the Government shall be vetted by the respective Urban Local Bodies. Similarly, once the draft is approved by the Government, after calling for objections and suggestions, before submitting the Master Plan for final approval to the Government, it shall be again vetted by concerned Urban Local Bodies. As far as the Panchayat Raj Institutions within the local planning area are concerned, there is no change in the situation since these Panchayat Raj Institutions have no role to play in the preparation of the Master Plan even at present.

In view of the circumstances mentioned above, the Government has comprehensively examined the issue of approval of Master Plan and hence this order.

**Government Order No. UDD 146 CSS 2009,  
Bangalore, Dated : 14.12.2009**

After careful consideration of issue, in exercise of powers vested under Section 76-K of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 the following orders have been issued which shall come into force immediately.

- (i) Urban Development Authorities and Planning Authorities for the time being may continue to be the agencies for preparation of Master Plans as the local planning area extends beyond the limits of the respective Urban Local Bodies.

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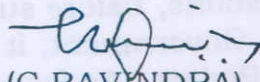
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- (ii) The Master Plans prepared by the Urban Development Authorities and Planning Authorities, for the respective local planning areas shall be sent to the respective Urban Local Bodies both at draft and final stage for vetting and the comments by them shall be limited to the jurisdiction of the respective Urban Local Bodies.
- (iii) The Urban Local Bodies shall furnish its comments to the respective Urban Development Authorities / Planning Authority within forty-five days from the date of receipt of the Master Plan. If the Urban Local Body does not offer its comments within the prescribed time of forty five days, it shall be presumed that it has no comments and suggestions and the concerned Urban Development Authority / Planning Authority shall process the Master Plan for submission to Government for approval.

The above procedures shall be scrupulously followed until further orders.

By order and in the name of the  
Governor of Karnataka

  
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Under Secretary to Government  
Urban Development Department.

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