

City a step closer to end parking woes

Govt To Call For EoI From Land Owners By July

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Hyderabad: Is Hyderabad finally gearing up to bid goodbye to parking woes? With the government firm on putting an end to this mess, the city may witness as many as 100 multi-level parking complexes in various locations. The government will engage an agency to prepare designs for these parking lots.

"Forty-two locations having government land have been identified. The government will call for an expression of interest (EoI) from interested private parties by this month-end," chief secretary (CS) Shailendra Kumar Joshi told TOI.

Private parking complex owners have much to cheer as they are likely to get sops such as additional built-up area, more commercial space than stipulated in building rules, property tax exemption or rebate apart from collection of parking fee after mandatory free parking time. "Private parties who have

A VERTICAL SOLUTION TO END CONGESTION

100 Multi-level parking lots to come up in city

42 Locations with govt land identified

PROJECT NORMS TO BE FINALISED

► Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) to be nodal agency and is preparing guidelines for project

► Ownership of land and revenue to be vested with respective departments

► Private parking complex owners to get sops like additional built-up area and property tax exemption or rebate

► Parking complexes to be vertical in design if land is limited. It would be semi or fully automated

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more than 500 sq yard land in prime locations can come forward to construct these parking lots. The designs will be finalised based on the availability of the land and parking demand," the CS said.

The Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited, which is the nodal agency for the parking complexes, is pre-

paring guidelines under PPP mode. "Specific guidelines are being prepared by studying parking policies in countries such as Germany, Japan, China, South Korea and the US," HMRL managing director NVS Reddy told TOI. A parking complex is being developed at Nampally as a pilot project, he said.

Parking guidance system on the anvil

Hyderabad: The government has decided to implement an integrated smart parking guidance and management system (ISPMS) across the city to decongest roads. "The idea is to overcome the rising demand for parking space, decongest the roads and ensure smooth flow of traffic," a senior municipal official told TOI.

ISPMS would be integrated with the central command control centre and supervised by the police department. Apart from providing support to dynamic parking space booking, helpdesk services and security will be provided at the parking lots, officials added. TNN