CM seeks funds for CSMP, Metro phase II

Says historic city still uses outdated sewerage system

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has appealed to Union minister for housing and urban affairs Manohar Lal Khattar to include Hyderabad's Comprehensive Sewerage Master Plan (CSMP) under AMRUT 2.0 or consider it separately as a special project. He made this suggestion during a meeting with Khattar in Delhi on Monday.

Revanth Reddy explained that the historic city was still operating with an outdated sewerage system, which is inadequate for the present needs. He also mentioned the lack of proper sewerage systems in nearby muni-

cipalities.

Highlighting the need for Hyderabad and its surrounding municipalities to achieve 100 per cent wastewater treatment to maintain the city's global standards of living, Revanth Reddy told the Union minister that a DPR has been prepared for the CSMP, covering Hyderabad and 27 nearby municipalities. The plan spans 7,444 km with an estimated cost of ₹17,212.69 crore.

Revanth Reddy handed over the DPR to Khattar, while seeking financial assistance through AM-RUT 2.0 or by recognising it as a special project.

The Chief Minister also emphasised that the Musi River runs for 55 kilometers through Hyderabad, with 110 kilome-



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy drapes a shawl on Union minister for housing and urban affairs Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday. — D

ters of sewage draining into the river. To prevent this, a DPR has been prepared for constructing trunk sewers, large-size box drains, and new sewage treatment plants at a cost of ?4,000 crore. The Chief Minister submitted this DPR to the Union minister, seeking approval and speedy permission in order to begin the work.

Regarding the expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-2, Revanth Reddy said that DPRs have been completed for several corridors, including Nagole to RGIA Shamshabad (36.8 km), Raidurgam to Kokapet (11.6 Neopolis MGBS to Chandrayangutta (7.5 km), Miyapur to Patancheru (13.4 km) and LB Nagar to Hayathnagar (7.1 km), totaling 76.4 kilometers. The estimated cost of the expansion is ₹24,269 crore, Reddy said while proposing a 50:50 joint venture between the central government and Telangana governments to undertake these corridors. He assured to submit DPR for the project soon and requested the minister's cooperation for its prompt implementation.

Accompanying the CM were MPs from Nalgonda, Bhongir, and Peddapalli, K. Raghuveer Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and G. Vamshi Krishna, respectively, the government's special representative in Delhi, A.P. Jithender Reddy, government advisor Srinivas Raju, chief secretary Santhi A. Kumari, CM's principal secretary V. Seshadri, secretary principal development) (urban Dana Kishore, HMRL managing director N.V.S. Reddy, and Telangana Bhavan resident commissioner Gaurav Uppal.

REVANTH SEEKS CRPF'S JTF CAMPS IN TG

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Considering the internal security, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urged the Union home minister to set up CRPF's Joint Task Force (JTF) camps in Kondawai of Charla mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district and Alubaka of Venkatapuram mandal of Mulugu district.

Revanth Reddy also requested Shah to release 60 per cent of the central share of ₹18.31 crore, which has been pending for the last four years, for Special Police Officers (SPOs).

The Chief Minister requested Amit Shah to strengthen the police stations of Peruru, Mulugu, Kannaigudem in Mulugu district and P a l i m e l a, Mahamutharam and Kataram in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on the borders of Telangana.

He also brought to the notice of the Union minister that the Centre has released insufficient funds of ₹6.70 crore to Telangana for Special Infrastructure Scheme (SIS) and requested the release of ₹23.56 crore for police forces training in tune with the advanced requirements.