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SWACHH MONEY GATHERS MOSS

Funds meant for cleanliness lie unused with civic bodies as Delhi reels under dengue and chikungunya outbreak

By Mail Today Bureau in New Delhi

THE city's civic bodies have swept Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission under the carpet, indicates a study.

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation failed to spend a single paise out of the ₹46.28 crore it was allocated for the programme in the previous financial year, says the Delhi Citizens Handbook 2016

prepared by the NGO Centre for Civil Society.

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) could utilise only 0.25 per cent, or Rs 7.93 lakh, of the Rs 31.63 crore it received. The east Delhi civic body got Rs 41.98 crore; how much it spent is unknown. The Prime Minister launched the Swachh Bharat Mission two years ago, aiming to make India clean and free of open defecation by 2019. A key part of Modi's election campaign in 2014 was the pledge to build "toilets first, temples later".

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FIRST IN MAIL TODAY

BJP-run municipalities haven't built a single toilet in Delhi in one year since Modi launched Swachh Bharat mission

MCD SCORES ZERO IN SWACHH BHARAT TEST



MAIL TODAY reported on July 26, 2015 about MCD lagging in Swachh drive

ARMY MEN MOVE INTO RESTIVE J&K ZONES



A protester jumps over burning debris in Srinagar

By Manjeet Singh Negi in Srinagar

ARMY personnel have begun spilling into the trouble-torn Valley that has been racked by a spate of violent protests.

As part of efforts to restore normalcy, the Army has quietly moved an entire brigade into South Kashmir under operation "Calm Down" to clear it of militants and demonstrators.

Protesters have clashed with government forces leading to dozens of civilian casualties in the Valley since the death of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani, who had a large social media following and was credited with reviving militancy in Kashmir.

Sources say the redeployment of troops kicked off after Army chief General Dalbir Singh visited J&K last

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Stung city sits on Swachh funds



OPERATION STING

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The PM led the drive by wielding the broom at the Mandir Marg Police Station in the Capital and exhorted everyone to follow suit. The campaign is a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, whose 150 birth anniversary will be celebrated in 2019. However, Mail Today reported on July 26 last year that the BJP-ruled MCDs had failed to construct a single toilet as part of the scheme.

According to the NGO study, of the 4,656 community toilets constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission in the city, most have been built by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB).

City's municipalities fail to utilise funds allocated under mission

DUSIB is not an Urban Local Body (ULB) as defined under the Swachh Bharat Mission, and so was not naturally entitled to funds. But the State Mission Directorate transferred about Rs 51 crore from the MCDs to it.

The report comes at a time when the Capital is reeling under a spate of viral diseases.

Under the campaign, the Capital will receive a total of Rs 360.01 crore over the course of the entire mission period (Oct 2014-19). As of May 2016, Delhi received Rs 139.60 crore.

The DUSIB notifies certain areas as slums, where, with the passage of time, the buildings have become dilapidated and basic civic services are missing.

Apart from this, DUSIB has been also assigned the role of looking after the jhuggie jhopri squatter settlements or clusters by way of provision of civic amenities and their resettlement too. Informal settlements in Delhi are of three types: rural villages, unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters.

While the first two have access to basic municipal services, the estimated 20.72-



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ROLE OF MUNICIPAL BODIES

MUNICIPALITY/URBAN BODY	FUND RECEIVED UNDER SBM FROM CENTRE FOR 2015-16	FUNDS UTILISED	PER CENT OF FUNDS UTILISED (%)
North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC)	₹46.28 crore	₹0	0%
South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC)	₹31.63 crore	₹7.93 lakh	0.25%
East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC)	₹41.98 crore	N/A	N/A

CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS IN DELHI UNDER SBM

HOUSEHOLD TOILETS		COMMUNITY TOILETS (IN TERMS OF TOILET SEATS)	
Targeted number (From October 2014-March 2016)	30,107	Targeted number (from October 2014 till end of mission)	1,982
Actually built	0	Actually built	4,656

lakh inhabitants of JJ clusters have to struggle to gain access to basic civic amenities such as water supply and sewerage.

Both the north and south civic bodies said it is too early to give details of expenditure which will be available only after work orders for different sections such as

"Information, Education and Communication (IEC)" as well as sanitation projects are executed.

"We are working on different projects under the SBM. There are a number of heads under the Swachh Bharat Mission, said Rajesh Bhatia, vice-chairman of North Delhi Municipal Corporation.

SWACHH BHARAT MISSION IMPLEMENTATION IN DELHI IN NUMBERS:

₹360.01 Cr

Total amount Delhi will receive to implement the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) from October 2014-19.

₹139.60 Cr

Amount Delhi has received till May 2016

THE CURIOUS CASE OF DUSIB:

- DUSIB (Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board) is not an ULB and thus, not entitled to funds under the SBM
- However, the State Mission Directorate re-allocated funds worth ₹51cr by transferring them from the ULB(s) to DUSIB
- This amounts to 36.5% of the total money allocated to Delhi till May 2016
- DUSIB built 4,656 community toilets in the Capital city as opposed to the target of 1,982

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—Rajesh Bhatia, vice-chairman, NDMC

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The BJP has been ruling the civic bodies for the past nine years. The municipal elections are due in early 2017, when the party will be fighting anti-incumbency and will face a tough challenge from Arvind Kejriwal's AAP.

"It is the initial stage of fund expenditure and it is too early to give details of spending," said Shailendra Singh, chairman of the standing committee of SDMC. "The details will be available only after work orders for different heads like IEC and sanitation projects are executed."

(With agency inputs)