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GHMC to take up road development project

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First phase of the comprehensive project to be initiated at an estimated cost of Rs. 250 crore.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), to improve the overall condition of city roads, has decided to take up a comprehensive road development project.

The first phase of the project to be initiated at an estimated cost of Rs. 250 crore would be placed before the next general body meeting for approval. Speaking to presspersons after the weekly 'Prajavani' programme on Monday, GHMC Commissioner Somesh Kumar said the project will incorporate facilities for drainage pipelines, medians, footpaths and ducts for running cables.

At the same time, as an immediate measure to better the road conditions, works on potholes and patches would commence across the city next week. “Each of our 24 engineering divisions has been sanctioned Rs. 50 lakh and the tenders have been called today. Once this process is completed in a week, the works will commence,” he said. Also, a Musi River Regeneration Committee has been constituted to restore the lost glory of Musi and a detailed action plan would be in place in a month’s time.

For this, two committees — one with senior officials from GHMC, HMDA and District Collectorates of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts and another with experts — were being constituted.

Mr. Somesh Kumar said that he, along with senior officials from other related departments, had inspected the Musi from Attapur to Amberpet and found sewerage entering the river at some points and also noticed encroachments. “These issues will be addressed by the committees apart from fixing the full tank levels,” he said.

Asked about the plastic and leather units at Bholakpur, he said appropriate action was initiated against them and apart from

removing 25 units, six others were sealed and notices issued to the rest. About 55 grievances were received, of which 32 pertained to Town Planning wing.