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BBMP gets Rs. 1,000 cr. for roadworks

With a few months left for elections to the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the State Cabinet on Wednesday decided to release Rs. 1,000 crore for the city corporation to take up roadworks in all wards.

A meeting, presided over by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved 465 tender works for the development of roads in the city.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister T.B. Jayachandra told presspersons that the city roads are in poor condition and will get a facelift with this grant.

The long-pending demand of personnel serving in BBMP hospitals and healthcare centres has been fulfilled, with the Cabinet giving its nod for salary revision of doctors, nurses, lag technicians and other staff, he said. The Cabinet cleared a proposal on developing a handicrafts village on the lines of

Delhi Haat at Doddabidarakalli village on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

A sum of Rs. 15 crore was approved for this. The project, to be implemented through Karnataka Handicrafts Development Corporation and the village, would have crafts museum, sales outlets, cafeteria and other facilities.

The Cabinet also decided to waive off interest of about Rs. 123 crore on loans procured by small craftsmen obtained through Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

It also approved to grant 84 acres of land near Devanahalli for the Indian Navy. The Cabinet ratified the new names of 12 cities and approved two solid waste management processing units of private entrepreneurs to be established in the city.