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Work on Smart City projects to begin soon

With the process to select the management consultancy to implement the city Corporation's Smart City project in progress, the local body is hoping for the execution of various projects on the ground to begin early next year.

According to Corporation officials, work on the projects that can be implemented without a project management consultant can be begun earlier.

Projects that the Corporation can execute by itself are being identified.

Projects

These include projects for solid waste management at source, upgrading of anganwadis, smart bus stops and other similar projects.

But the projects for multi-level parking lots, shifting of various

utility lines to underground ducts, skywalk and bicycle ways require a project management consultant.

A total of nine companies had appeared for the pre-bid meeting for the selection of management consultancy. But, with the local body keeping the bar high to ensure that only companies with adequate expertise and experience responded, only three companies responded finally — Wadia Techno-Engineering Services Ltd, Mahindra Consulting Engineers Ltd and IPE Global Ltd.

Technical committee

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Smart City Special Purpose Vehicle will form the technical committee and the consultant selection committee for the technical scrutiny of their bids.

“The evaluation of the bids and selection of the consultants will take only one or two weeks. After that, we have to execute an agreement with the consultant.

“The consultant will then start the preparation of the Detailed Project Report for each of the projects.

“Preparation of some of these reports will take a longer duration of time, depending on the complexity of the project.

The consultant will also have the responsibility of managing the whole project,” said an official.