

# Now, city sanitation plan for 16 more districts

**Subhash Pathak**

subhash.pathak@hindustantimes.com

**PATNA:** Cities settled on the banks of the Ganga would have better sanitation facilities. In keeping with the Central government plan to beautify the look of such cities under the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) project, the state government has embarked on the exercise of preparing city sanitation plan of 16 districts to get the funding support.

While reviewing the progress of execution of the river front scheme being implemented in four districts including Hajipur, Begusarai, Buxar and Munger, urban development minister Prem Kumar directed the officials to get the detailed project reports of the city sanitation plan of 16 more districts so as they could also qualify for the central grant.

So far, the Centre has allo-



cated ₹441.86 crore for better upkeep of civic amenities in four selected districts under the NGRBA project, locally known as river front development scheme. Urban development secretary Sudhir Kumar said Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation (Buidco) had been assigned the task for implementing the project in the four districts, the cost of which would be shared between the Centre and state on 70:30 basis.

The project envisages construction of sewerage treatment

plants of various capacities, development of cremation ghats and arrangement of public toilets. The minister said the Buidco had been told to handover the completed project in the next two years.

Regarding other towns, the minister said the officials of the department had been asked to prepare the DPRs of Patna, Danapur, Fatuha, Bakhtiyarpur, Chapra, Dighwara, Sonapur, Rivilganj, Ara, Sunltanganj, Naughachiya, Khagaul, Barahiya, Barh and Mokama by the next month so that they could be sent to the Union urban development ministry for necessary sanction.

Prem Kumar told HT that the department would strive for seeking additional allocation of fund under the NGRBA for development of 16 other towns as the Centre had assured to provide the required fund if the detailed project reports were submitted by November.