



ANDHRA PRADESH URBAN LOCAL BODIES ELECTIONS 2014 - A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Municipal Governance in India has existed since the year 1687, with the formation of Madras Municipal Corporation, and then Calcutta and Bombay Municipal Corporation in 1726. In 1882 Lord Ripon, Viceroy of India, who is known as the Father of Local Self-Government laid the democratic forms of municipal governance in India. In Government of India Act, 1919 the need of the resolution and powers of democratically elected government were incorporated. Later in Government of India Act, 1935 Local Governments were brought under the state or provincial government and special powers were given. According to the 1991 Census of India Urban Local Bodies were classified into four major categories as

1. Municipal Corporations,
2. Municipal Councils,
3. Town Area Committees, and
4. Notified Area Committees.



KEY WORDS: *Municipal Governance , provincial government and special powers.*

INTRODUCTION

The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 has been introduced providing Constitutional status for the Municipalities. The Act introduces a new part in the Constitution namely Part-IXA covering Articles 234P – 243ZG. It also introduces schedule 12 in the Constitution of India, which lists 18 subjects coming under the jurisdiction of the Municipalities delegated to them by the state governments. After the implementation of the Act there are only three categories of Urban Local Bodies. They are

1. Municipal Corporations,
2. Municipal Councils, and
3. Nagar Panchayas.

Among all the Urban Local Bodies Municipal Corporations enjoy a greater degree of fiscal autonomy and functions although the powers vary across the states. These local bodies are subject to supervisory and control by the state governments. The elections to the local governments are conducted by the state governments which are held once in every 5 years.

The below Table-1 shows the District wise Number of wards and the seats won by the parties in Andhra Pradesh Municipal Ward Elections, 2014.

TABLE-1
DISTRICT WISE NUMBER OF WARDS AND THE SEATS WON BY THE PARTIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH MUNICIPAL WARD ELECTIONS- 2014

| S.NO | NAME OF DISTRICT | POLITICAL PARTIES | | | | | | | | OTHER PARTIES | IND | TOTAL NO. OF WARDS |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|------|-------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------|
| | | BJP | BSP | CPI | CPI (M) | INC | TDP | YSRCP | TRS | | | |
| 1 | Adilabad | 13 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 51 | 5 | 0 | 56 | 26 | 20 | 189 |
| 2 | Anantapur | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 217 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 323 |
| 3 | Chittoor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 72 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 169 |
| 4 | East Godavari | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 170 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 264 |
| 5 | Guntur | 7 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 195 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 371 |
| 6 | Karimnagar | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 10 | 0 | 83 | 6 | 28 | 226 |
| 7 | Khammam | 0 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 97 |
| 8 | Krishna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 104 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 218 |
| 9 | Kurnool | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 101 | 106 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 219 |
| 10 | Mahabubnagar | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 14 | 5 | 48 | 10 | 19 | 206 |
| 11 | Medak | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 22 | 0 | 36 | 13 | 9 | 145 |
| 12 | Nalgonda | 19 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 104 | 42 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 17 | 210 |
| 13 | Nizamabad | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 43 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 8 | 1 | 91 |
| 14 | Prakasam | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 69 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 145 |
| 15 | Rangareddi | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 29 | 0 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 119 |
| 16 | SPSR Nellore | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 81 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 164 |
| 17 | Srikakulam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 45 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 91 |
| 18 | Visakhapatnam | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 51 |
| 19 | Vizianagaram | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 76 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 129 |
| 20 | Warangal | 8 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 46 | 6 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 11 | 116 |
| 21 | West Godavari | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 173 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 241 |
| 22 | YSR Kadapa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 85 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 186 |
| TOTAL | | 134 | 22 | 40 | 26 | 580 | 1588 | 957 | 312 | 83 | 228 | 3970 |

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From the above Table-I in the Andhra Pradesh Urban Local Bodies Election 2014, In Adilabad District TRS won by securing 5 seats more than the INC. In Anantapur District TDP won by securing 137 seats more than the YSRCP. In Chittoor District YSRCP won by securing 12 seats more than the TDP. In East Godavari District TDP won by securing 89 seats more than the YSRCP. In Guntur District TDP won by securing 55 seats more than the YSRCP. In Karimnagar District TRS won by securing 5 seats more than the INC. In Khammam District TDP won by securing 6 seats more than the INC. In Krishna District YSRCP won by securing 1 seat more than the TDP. In Kurnool District YSRCP won by securing 5 seats more than the TDP. In Mahabubnagar District INC won by securing 30 seats more than the TRS. In Medak District INC won by securing 20 seats more than the TRS. In Nalgonda District INC won by securing 62 seats more than the TDP. In Nizamabad District INC won by securing 19 seats more than the TRS. In Prakasam District TDP won by securing 8 seats more than the YSRCP. In Rangareddi District INC won by securing 18 seats more than the TDP. In SPSR Nellore District TDP won by securing 17 seats more than the YSRCP. In Srikakulam District TDP won by securing 9 seats more than the YSRCP. In Visakhapatnam District TDP won by securing 30 seats more than the YSRCP. In Vizianagaram District TDP won by securing 40 seats more than the YSRCP. In Warangal District INC won by securing 12 seats

more than the TRS. In West Godavari District TDP won by securing 124 seats more than the YSRCP. And in YSR Kadapa District Other parties won by securing 12 seats more than the YSRCP. In the Andhra Pradesh region TDP won in 9 Districts, YSRCP won in 2 Districts and Other parties won in 1 District. In the Telanana region INC won in 6 Districts, TRS won in 2 Districts and TDP won in 1 District.

The below Table-II shows the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporation Elections, 2014 and the seats won by the parties respectively.

TABLE-II
ANDHRA PRADESH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTIONS-2014

| S.NO | NAME OF DISTRICT | POLITICAL PARTIES | | | | | | | | OTHER PARTIES | IND | TOTAL NO. OF WARDS |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------|
| | | BJP | BSP | CPI | CPI (M) | INC | TDP | YSRCP | TRS | | | |
| 1 | Anantapur | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 |
| 2 | Chittoor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 50 |
| 3 | Eluru | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| 4 | Kadapa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| 5 | Karimnagar | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 2 | 7 | 50 |
| 6 | Nellore | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 54 |
| 7 | Nizamabad | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 2 | 50 |
| 8 | Rajahmundry | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 50 |
| 9 | Ramagundam | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 0 | 15 | 50 |
| 10 | Vijayawada | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 59 |
| TOTAL | | 14 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 51 | 203 | 124 | 48 | 18 | 49 | 513 |

SOURCE www.apsec.gov.in/STA_REPORTS.html#

From the above Table-II in the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Corporation Elections 2014, In Anantapur District TDP won 21 seats more than YSRCP. In Chittoor District TDP won 29 seats more than YSRCP. In Eluru TDP won 33 seats more than YSRCP. In Kadapa District YSRCP won 34 seats more than TDP. In Karimnagar District TRS won 10 seats more than INC. In SPSR Nellore District YSRCP won 15 seats more than TDP. In Nizamabad District INC and other parties won 16 seats more than TRS. In Rajahmundry TDP won 26 seats more than YSRCP. In Ramagundam INC won 5 seats more than TRS. And in Vijayawada TDP won 18 seats more than YSRCP. In the Municipal Corporation Election of Andhra Pradesh, 2014 TDP won in 5 places, YSRCP and INC won in 2 places and TRS won in 1 place.

The below Table-III explains the total number of Municipalities and Municipal Corporations as of 2019.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH AS OF 2019**TABLE-III**

| S.NO | NAME OF DISTRICT | MUNICIPALITIES | TOTAL NO. OF MUNICIPALITIES | MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS | TOTAL NUMBER OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS |
|------|------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Anantapur | Kalyandurg, Rayadurg, Dharmavaram, Gooty, Guntakal, Hindupur, Kadiri, Tadipatri, and Puttaparthi. | 9 | Anantapur | 1 |
| 2 | Chittoor | Madanapalle, Punganur, Palamaner, Nagari, Srikalahasti, Puttur, and Kuppam. | 7 | Chittoor, Tirupathi | 2 |
| 3 | East Godavari | Amalapuram, Mandapeta, Peddapuram, Pithapuram, Ramachandrapuram, Samalkot, and Tuni. | 7 | Rajahmundry, Kakinada | 2 |
| 4 | Guntur | Bapatla, Chilakaluripeta, Mcherla, Mangalagiri, Narasaraopeta, Piduguralla, Ponnur, Repalle, Sattenapalli, Tadwpalli, Tenali, and Vinukonda. | 12 | Guntur | 1 |
| 5 | YSR Kadapa | Badvel, Mydukur, | 8 | Kadapa | 1 |

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|-------|---------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| | | Proddatur, Pulivendula, Rayachoti, Jammalamadugu, Rajampet, and Yerraguntla. | | | |
| 6 | Krishna | Gudivada, Jaggiahpetta, Nuzvid, and Pedana. | 4 | Vijayawada, Machilipatnam | 2 |
| 7 | Kurnool | Adoni, Nandyal, Nandikotkur, Yemmiganur, Gudur, and Allagadda. | 6 | Kurnool | 1 |
| 8 | SPSR Nellore | Kavali, Sullurpetta, Venkatagiri, Atmakur, Gudur, and Naidupeta. | 6 | Nellore | 1 |
| 9 | Prakasam | Chirala, Kandukur, and Markapur. | 3 | Ongole | 1 |
| 10 | Srikakulam | Amadalavalasa, Icchapuram, and Palasa-Kasibugga. | 3 | Srikakulam | 1 |
| 11 | Visakhapatnam | Narsipatnam, and Elamanchili. | 2 | Visakhapatnam | 1 |
| 12 | Vizianagaram | Bobbili, Parvathipuram, and Salur. | 3 | Vizianagaram | 1 |
| 13 | West Godavari | Bhimavaram, Kovvur, Narsapuram, Nidadavole, Palakollu, Tadepalligudem, and Tanuku | 7 | Eluru | 1 |
| TOTAL | | | | 74 | |

SOURCE http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_urban_local_bodies_in_Andhra_Pradesh.

From the above Table-III it is clear that out of all Municipal Corporations 11 are District Quarters except Vijayawada, Tirupati and Rajahmundry. Chittoor(Chittoor and Tirupati), East Godavari (Rajahmundry and Kakinada)and Krishna (Vijayawada and Machilipatnam) Districts have 2 Municipal Corporations each. Vijayawada, Machilipatnam and Srikakulam has been upgraded as Municipal Corporations in Dec,2015. The highest number of Municipalities are present in Guntur District which is 12 and the lowest is 2 Municipalities present in Visakhapatnam District.

CONCLUSION

Land development, roads and bridges, water and sewer, and planning for economic and social development are mandatory functions of local bodies. No other organizations is in charge of such services except the local bodies, failure of such services will make the entire urban life into chaos. These local bodies receive authority for these areas from the state government.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1. INC - Indian National Congress
2. BJP - Bharatiya Janata Party
3. CPI - Communist Party of India
4. CPI(M) - Communist Party of India Marxist
5. TDP - Telugu Desam Party
6. YSRCP - Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party
7. BSP - Bahujan Samajwadi Party
8. TRS - Telangana Rastriya Samiti

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