



ABSTRACT

Urban Development - Introduction of B.Plan Programme in School of Architecture and Planning(SAP), Anna University – Financial Assistance by Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and Other Local Planning Authorities - Orders – Issued.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(UD3(2))DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.) No.156

Dated: 23.08.2022.

சுபகிருது வருடம், ஆவணி-7,
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053.

Read:

1. Announcement for the year 2022-2023, Housing and Urban Development Department.
2. From the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, Chennai-8, Letter No.E1/3872/2021, dated 25.05.2022.
3. From the Director, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Koyambedu, Chennai-107, Letter Roc.No.4846/2022/B3, dated 25.05.2022.

ORDER:

The NITI Aayog has made the following key recommendations in its report on "Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India-2021" in order to strengthen the supply of technically trained planners in the country:-

"By 2032, India would need about 3 lakh town and country planners- i.e. on an average, 8000 per year (6000 from B.Planning and 2000 from M.Planning). To meet this requirement.

a. Fourteen new Schools of Planning and Architecture should be started in major metro cities with a minimum intake of 75 in B.Planning and 60 in M.Planning, respectively.

b. Balance of seats could be provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and State-recognized universities through affiliated institutions for B.Planning..."

2. During the meeting held on 21.12.2021 regarding reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in Tamil Nadu it was mentioned that in Tamil Nadu only 3 institutions are offering Masters in Planning. There are no University/ Institutions offering Bachelor of Planning degree. There is a shortage of qualified Town Planners. It was decided to examine that Bachelor of Planning (B.Plan) courses to be commenced in some of the institutions in Tamil Nadu and necessary steps to be taken by the Higher Education Department. B.Plan courses will be commencing from the year 2022-2023 in Anna University. It

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was also decided that B.Plan course to be displayed in their single window system of common admission portal.

3. In this connection, meeting with officials of NITI Aayog was held on 25.02.2022. Wherein it was stated by the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department that the present nomenclature of Planning courses is as per the AICTE norms and the Anna University has been addressed to introduce Bachelors of Planning degree course in the academic year 2022-2023.

4. In the meantime, the Hon'ble Minister, Housing and Urban Development has made the following Announcement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly 2022-2023:-

“சென்னை அண்ணா பல்கலைக்கழக கட்டடக்கலை மற்றும் திட்டமிடல் பள்ளியில் (SAP) இளநிலை திட்டமிடல் (B.Plan) பாடத்திட்டத்தை அறிமுகப்படுத்த சென்னைப் பெருநகர் வளர்ச்சிக் குழுமம் மற்றும் நகர் ஊரமைப்பு இயக்ககம் ரூ.10 கோடி நிதி வழங்கும்.”

5. The School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University is Tamil Nadu's premier institute offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Architecture and postgraduate courses in Master of Planning (M.Plan.). Subsequently, a meeting was convened between Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department and Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department along with officials of CMDA, DTCP and the Head of Department of School of Architecture and Planning (SAP), Anna University on 18.05.2022. Based on the discussion, it is proposed that Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) and Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) may be involved in the outlining and decision-making of the program in the following categories:

a. Funding for B.Plan Programme from CMDA and DTCP

The Registrar, Anna University, Chennai has requested financial assistance for capital expenditure to establish the B.Plan Programme and monthly recurring expenditure of Rs.17.8 lakhs to commence programme from the academic year 2022-23. The total estimated expenditure requested by SAP for the first 5 years of the programme is tabulated below:-

Funding Requirements for B.Plan Programme for 5 years:

S. No.	Description	Amount (in Rupees)
1.	Capital Expenditure to establish the B.Plan Programme (A)	Rs.7.87 crore
2.	Operating expenditure for the first year (17.8 lakhs per month*12 months) (B)	Rs.2.13 crore
	Initial seed funding for the first year (2022-2023) (C) [C=A+B]	Rs.10.00 crore
3.	Recurring expenditure from 2 nd year to 5 th year (2023-2027) (17.8 lakhs per month*12 months*4 years) (D)	Rs. 8.54 crore
	Total Expenditure for 5 years (E) [E=C+D]	Rs.18.54 crore

It is proposed that the financial support to the School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai for commencing the B.Plan Programme may

be provided by CMDA and DTCP, in the ratio of 80:20 respectively to provide an initial seed funding of Rs.10 crore. Subsequently, funding may be made by CMDA and DTCP for meeting the recurring expenses by following the approval of an annual budget on a year-on-year basis, for a period of four years initially, beyond which the need for continuing the financial support may be reviewed. Further, DTCP has informed that DTCP's funding of the B.Plan Programme will be met out from the fund account of various Local Planning Authorities.

b. Utilising the existing administrative arrangement of the Centre for Human Settlements.

It is proposed to incorporate the Centre for Human Settlements(CHS), the current research wing of the Department of Planning, School of Architecture and Planning as the nodal agency to administer the commencement and conduct of the B.Plan Programme. The existing administrative set-up of CHS and the present executive committee would be the monitoring and decision-making body of the B.Plan Programme with active participation from CMDA and DTCP.

c. Curriculum

The Department of Planning, School of Architecture and Planning has already submitted a draft curriculum to the AICTE for approval of the B.Plan programme. It is suggested that the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority may be appointed as a Member of the Syllabus Committee to suggest suitable modifications, if required, to address practical planning challenges in urban development.

d. Establishing one Faculty Position Namely Research and Planning Chair.

CMDA/DTCP may establish a Research and Planning Chair, equivalent to the position of the Design Chair in the Architecture Department of SAP. This position will be recruited from open-market through advertisement for a national-level.

e. Roles and Responsibilities of CMDA/DTCP and SAP

It is proposed that the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority may be appointed as Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CHS and Chairman of the Academic Committee. It is also proposed that the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority may be appointed as a Member to the Selection Committee for all faculty positions related to the B.Plan Programme. CHS would liaise with CMDA/DTCP to provide cutting-edge urban insights to enhance urban planning research capacity in the city. Further, the Department of Planning, SAP would accept upto 4 CMDA/DTCP officers every year for pursuing M.Plan or any equivalent course, as well as customised hybrid courses, as may be decided. The administrative arrangements and necessary provisions would be worked out in detail and stipulated for engaging CMDA/DTCP in the entire decision-making process in the setting up of the B.Plan Programme.

6. The Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority has requested to issue orders on the following:-

a. To accord permission for the commencement of B.Plan Programme in School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai with financial sanction of Rs.18.54 crore (Rupees Eighteen crore and fifty four lakh only) by funding from Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and Directorate of Town and

Country Planning in the ratio of 80:20 respectively for meeting the initial seed funding of Rs.10 crore (Rupees Ten Crore only) and recurring expenditure of Rs.8.54 crore (Rupees Eight crore and fifty four lakh only) for the subsequent four years. The required recurring expenditure is to be met on an annual basis by recouping the funds from CMDA/DTCPs Local Planning Authorities.

b. To accord permission for appointment of Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority to act as Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee of Centre for Human Settlements(CHS) to direct the outlining and detailing of the B.Plan Programme and its commencement.

c. To accord permission for appointment of Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority to act as member of the syllabus Sub-Committee and to permit Member Secretary, CMDA and DTCP to act as Member in the Selection Committee for all the faculty positions of the B.Plan Programme.

d. To accord permission to CMDA and DTCP for establishing one faculty position namely 'Research and Planning Chair' to the B.Plan programme, equivalent to the position of the 'Design Chair' in the Architecture Department of SAP, Chennai.

e. To accord permission to CMDA and DTCP for nominating upto 4 officers, two each from CMDA/DTCP directly every year for pursuing post graduate course in planning at SAP without the requirement to take Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test (TANCET).

7. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and hereby accord permission for commencing a new course viz., B.Plan Programme in School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai during the Academic year 2022-2023.

(i) Further Government also accord financial sanction to the tune of Rs.18.54 crore (Rupees Eighteen crore and fifty four lakh only) to meet the financial requirements for the above proposal by funding from CMDA and DTCP in the ratio of 80:20 respectively [To meet the initial seed funding of Rs.10 crore (Rupees Ten crore only) and recurring expenditure of Rs.8.54 crore (Rupees Eight crore and fifty four lakh only) for the subsequent four years].

(ii) The Government direct that the required recurring expenditure is to be met on an annual basis by recouping the funds from CMDA/DTCPs Local Planning Authorities budget for a period of four years.

(iii) The Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and Director of Town and Country Planning are directed to arrange to disburse the seed funds to Anna University immediately as per the above financial sanction.

8. The Government permit the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority to act as Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee of Centre for Human Settlements(CHS) to direct the outlining and detailing of the B.Plan Programme and its commencement. The Government also permit the Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority to act as member of the Syllabus Sub-Committee for the above course. Both Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority and Director of Town

and Country Planning are permitted to act as Member in the Selection Committee for all the faculty positions of the B.Plan Programme.

9. The Government also permit the CMDA and DTCP to establish one faculty position namely 'Research and Planning Chair' to the B.Plan Programme, equivalent to the position of the 'Design Chair' in the Architecture Department of School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai.

10. The Government also direct the CMDA and DTCP to nominate upto 4 officers, two each from CMDA/DTCP directly every year for pursuing post graduate course in planning at SAP without the requirement to take Tamil Nadu Common Entrance Test (TANCET).

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.66/ADS(PW)/2022, dated 08.08.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

HITESH KUMAR S. MAKWANA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Registrar, Anna University, Chennai-25.

The Member Secretary,
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, Chennai-8.

The Director, Directorate of Town and Country Planning, Chennai-107.

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Housing and Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/35.

The Pay and Accounts Officer(East),Chenna-8.

Housing and Urban Development (OP-I/Budget) Department,
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