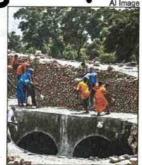
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## गांवों के विकास पर फोव बजट 4 गना बढने

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दिल्ली विधानसभा का बजट सत्र गुरुवार से शुरू होने जा रहा है। यह दिल्ली में आम आदमी पार्टी की सरकार का लगातार दसवां और अगले विधानसभा चुनावों से पहले इस सरकार का आखिरी बजट होगा। इसे देखते हुए इस बार बजट में कई नई और बड़ी योजनाओं की घोषणा की जा सकती है। बजट सत्र की शुरुआत 15 फरवरी को एलजी के अभिभाषण से होगी और 16 फरवरी को दिल्ली की नई वित्त मंत्री आतिशी बजट पेश करेंगी।

दिल्ली सरकार के सूत्रों से पता चला है लिए सरकार बजट में कई बड़े प्रावधान कर सकती है। खासतौर से गांवों में नई सड़कों और चौपालों के निर्माण, सीवर लाइन बिछाने और गांव के हर घर तक पाइपलाइन के जरिए पीने का पानी पहुंचाने सीवर और पानी की पाइपलाइनें डालने के के लिए सरकार कुछ बड़ी घोषणाएँ कर लिए भी सड़कें खोदी गई थीं, जिन्हें बाद में सकती है। इसके लिए ग्रामीण विकास ठीक से रिपेयर नहीं किया गया। विभाग के बजट में भी 4 गुना बढ़ोतरी की में नई सड़कों के निर्माण के लिए इस्तेमाल सकती है। रूरल के साथ-साथ दिल्ली के



गांव की यह तस्वीर AI ने बनाई है किया जाएगा, क्योंकि अभी गांवों में सड़कों कि इस बार का बजट दिल्ली के गांवों में की हालत बेहद खराब है और कई सड़कें विकास पर केंद्रित हो सकता है और उसके तो गाड़ी चलाने के लायक ही नहीं हैं। इन टूटी-फूटी सड़कों से हर समय धूल उड़ती रहती है, जिससे गांवों में प्रदूषण भी फैलता है। साथ ही बारिश में आवागमन मुश्किल हो जाता है। इसके अलावा कई जगहों पर

बजट में सरकार गांवों की लगभग जा सकती है। इस बजट का एक बड़ा 1000 किमी लंबी सड़कों की रीकारपेटिंग हिस्सा मुख्य रूप से दिल्ली के सभी गांवों करके उन्हें ठीक करने की घोषणा कर

#### बजट सत्र कल से

- दिल्ली विधानसभा का बजट सत्र गुरुवार से होगा शुरू
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- 1000 किमी लंबी गांवों की सडकों की रीकारपेटिंग की सरकार बजट में कर सकती है घोषणा

अर्बन गांवों को भी इसका लाभ मिलेगा। दिल्ली में ऐसे करीब 360 गांव हैं। सूत्रों ने बताया कि इनमें से कई गांवों में सड़कों के निर्माण की योजना के लिए एस्टिमेंट भी तैयार किया जा चुका है। बजट जारी होते ही सड़कों को ठीक करने का काम शुरू कर दिया जाएगा।

इन दिनों एलजी की अगुवाई में डीडीए ने दिल्ली में ग्रामोदय अभियान शुरू किया हुआ है, जिसके तहत दिल्ली के सभी गांवों में अलग-अलग तरह के विकास कार्य किए जाने हैं। ऐसे में दिल्ली सरकार का बजट भी दिल्ली के गावों के लोगों के लिए नई सुविधाओं की सौगात लेकर आ सकता है।

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## This budget, why AAP is turning its focus on developing villages

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IN A bid to woo its rural and urban-rural voter base ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the AAP-Delhi government is set to focus on village re-development in the 2024-25 budget.

According to sources, the government is planning to increase budget allocation for villages, with a key focus on repairing roads. There are more than 360 villages both urban and rural combined in Delhi and about 1,000 km of village roads will be redeveloped. "A four-fold increase in the department's budget is expected for this purpose...." said a source.

Incidentally, L-G VK Saxena had also announced a village revamp initiative (Dilli Gramoday Abhiyaan) to be undertaken by the Delhi Development Authority. As part of this, the 11 district magistrates and senior bureaucrats stayed overnight at

selected villages and held dialogues with residents.

#### Why do these votes matter?

Three of the seven Lok Sabha Seats — Northwest, West and South Delhi — cover a major part of the Capital's urban and rural villages. "The percentage of rural population is higher in Northwest Delhi. The ratio there is 50:50 which increases if we add the semi-urban vote percentage. In West Delhi, the percentage of rural population is around 15%. In South Delhi, it is less than 10%...," said a senior leader.

He added, "But if we take both the rural and urbanised population into account, the share will increase to 20%. The problem in the urbanised partis that it has a large number of non-Delhi residents (domiciles). So, the vote percentage here comes to 10-12%, which is still good."

An AAP member said, "A 10-12% vote share is not small... The development of villages has been a concern and this will increase the vote share..."

According to officials, many roads, be it in rural or semi-urban areas, are in poor condition. "At several places, the roads were dug up for laying a sewer or pipeline... and are marred with debris and potholes...," said an official.

Officials said estimates of several roads have been made and work will begin as the budget is released. In last year's budget, Rs 135 crore was allocated for rural development — of this, around Rs 3.8 crore was for village development.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor called the move "nothing but an electoral lollipop". "Even, if they increase (budget allocation), work will take time to start due to the elections... So, how many roads can the Delhi government improve in a short span of 4 months? This will be another scam in the name of village road improvement..."

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# Govt Survey To Identify Potholed, Broken Roads

#### Damaged Foothpaths That Kick Up Dust Also Covered

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New Delhi: Delhi govt's environment department has decided to conduct a comprehensive assessment of road conditions in the capital to identify potholed and unpaved stretches and broken footpaths and central verges, which lead to air pollution and require dust management intervention.

To start with, a survey will be conducted of over 1500km of roads maintained by Public Works Department and later roads maintained by Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Development Authority may also be covered under the project.

The study of PWD's roads will take about six months from the day of its commissioning. While the survey will be conducted in the first month, the agency will have to analyse the data and prepare the reports in five months. The project is likely to

start in the next financial year.

A senior Delhi govt official said a well-maintained road net-

work is crucial for ensuring fewer road accidents, lesser traffic congestion and reduced travel time.

The prerequisite for an effective and smooth road network in the city is to have an up-to-date, comprehensive, and reliable road condition assessment on various parameters like road quality, pavement condition, road assets, road safety, street furniture, road design and geometry. A comprehensive road assessment exercise would help the govt to plan future course of actions and identify critical areas that require maintenance, repairs, or dust management interventions," said an official.

According to officials, dust, be it from construction and demolition activities or roads, is a significant source of PMI0 and PM2.5 in ambient air. The influence of dust increases to 31-34% in summers while its share during winters is 6-15%.

The survey, said officials, will identify critical areas in the city having poor road conditions. "The collected data will be used to identify areas requiring interventions and corrective measures like maintenance, repairs, or dust management interventions by road construction and maintaining agencies and departments," said an official.

Officials said the road assessment will be carried out by an accredited network survey vehicle (NSV) by using latest techniques. "This system is capable of collecting crucial information such as longitudinal profiling, transverse profiling, pavement texture, and road geometry data like gradient and curvature even at high speeds. The NSVs can also execute video imaging for roadside furniture and for pavement surface distresses," an official informed.

The environment department has already started the process to engage an agency for the exercise. Officials said the agency will have to provide a detailed report after completion of each phase to facilitate corrective steps, wherever required.

### ₹900cr for village roads likely in budget

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New Delhi: AAP govt is likely to allocate more than Rs 900 crore for redevelopment of roads in the city's urban and rural villages in the upcoming budget for financial year 2024-25.

Sources in the political dispensation said the improvement of village roads is expected to be among the main promises that finance minister Atishi would make in her maiden budget speech. They added that the govt may also announce more schemes to improve other facilities in rural and urban villages.

The move comes on the heels of lieutenant governor VK Saxena launching 'Dilli Gramoday Abhiyan' in Jan to redevelop both rural and urban villages in the capital. The LG announced that the DDA would spend Rs 800 crore to rejuvenate nearly 200 urbanised villages, while Rs 480 crore would be allocated to redevelop 49 rural villages from the village development fund.

According to sources in AAP govt, about 1,000 km of road network in both rural and urban villages will be redeveloped under the scheme

Senior officers of various Delhi govt departments and DDA, led by district magistrates, even stayed in different villages of 11 districts of the capital twice in the last month to assess various issues plaguing these areas. The DMs have submitted a list of five major issues that require immediate attention in the villages.

According to sources in AAP govt, about 1,000 km of road network in both rural and urban villages will be redeveloped under the scheme. They added that govt has decided to increase the department's budget by four times to ensure that the scheme does not face a funds crunch in the next financial year.

"The budget will be utilised for relay-

ing all village roads. Many village roads are in poor condition. A number of them were dug up to lay water and sewer pipelines. All such stretches will not only be repaired but strengthened and re-carpeted too." said an official.

Sources said estimates for most of the stretches in rural villages have already been made but the actual work will only begin in the next financial year. They added that several meetings of the development department took place in the last few weeks, where all such roads that need to be developed were identified and officials were told to prepare a budget for them.

In 2023-24, the rural development department was allocated Rs 135 crore, of which only Rs 3.8 crore was allocated for village development. There was no mention of road redevelopment work in the budget.

"The estimates of the road repair work will be sent to the respective ministers as soon as the new financial year begins and tenders will be floated soon after," said an official.

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