

standards in property description duly taking care of the following can further enhance the dependability and reliability of the system.

- a. Natural changes in the classification of properties over a period of time, i.e. from Agriculture-Non-Agriculture. Plot-Houses/Apartments/Multi-storeyed building.
- b. partitions/Merging of properties.
- c. Different nature of right like Undivided share, Joint/Common rights and intersects on properties.
- d. Lack of well defined (unique) identification (ID) rules for the properties, particularly for open plots, coupled with non-standard id's for house number and survey numbers, etc.
- e. Inconsistent use of Ward and Bloc numbers of Local body offices with that of the other department like Census/Revenue etc.

Smart Nagarpalika Computerization Of Urban Local Bodies (Municipalities)

Introduction

The urban local bodies in the towns and cities of the country are autonomous and are managed by elected representatives. These bodies, also known as Municipalities, are responsible for the management and upkeep of the civic amenities in the town or the city. For this purpose they collect taxes such as property tax, water tax, etc. which form the revenue for the local body/municipality. In addition, the local body is also responsible for registration of births and deaths, and issue of building permissions and trade license. Following is the comprehensive list of functions executed by municipality/local body:

- Birth and deaths registrations
- Property tax
- Water tap connections and charges
- Advertisement tax
- Financial accounting
- Building permissions
- Grievance redressal
- Project and works monitoring system (PROMS)
- Dangerous and offensive trade license
- Assets and inventory
- Court cases monitoring

The NIC, Under the Department of Information Technology of the Ministry of Communications and Information's Technology, Government of India, has taken the lead in constituting a national level project called "SMART Nagarpalika" wherein all the above subjects have been studied in-depth with Andhra Pradesh as the pilot State. A detailed systems requirements specifications (SRS) report has been prepared and the same has been utilized as basis for