

Regarding development of an underground drainage system with Sewage Treatment Plant under AMRUT 2.0 mission in Ananthapuramu district, Andhra Pradesh-laid

SHRI G. LAKSHMINARAYANA (ANANTAPUR): The AMRUT 2.0 Mission was established with the visionary goal of providing 100% sewage management and enhancing urban infrastructure across selected towns in India. Despite this ambitious vision, Ananthapuramu Municipal Corporation, Andhra Pradesh, remains in a dire situation due to the absence of a comprehensive underground drainage system.

For over a decade, Ananthapuramu, the largest Urban Local Body in the district, has faced severe issues with wastewater management. Isolated drains overflow regularly, causing significant environmental pollution. Households discharge wastewater directly into open drains, which pollute the Marugu Vanka and Nadimi Vanka streams covering 30% and 70% of the town, respectively. These streams flow into the Tadakala Lru River, introducing approximately 43.00 MLD of sewage into the Singanamal tank, affecting water supplies and agriculture in neighbouring villages. Additionally, encroachments and illegal constructions have significantly narrowed these drains, exacerbating urban flooding during heavy rains.

The inadequate drainage system has led to increased waterborne diseases, mosquito breeding, and polluted groundwater, severely impacting public health. Despite Ananthapuramu's inclusion in AMRUT 2.0, these issues persist. I urge upon the Government to expedite the implementation of the Underground Drainage System with Sewage Treatment Plants to realize the mission's vision and improve living conditions in Ananthapuramu.