

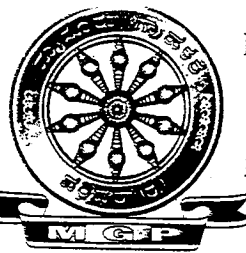
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Subject: Civil Society Consultation for ADB's Water Policy Implementation Review on 17-18 November 2005, and ADB loan of Rs.130 crores to the City of Mysore, Karnataka

Sir,

The Asian Development Bank has provided Rs. 130 crores as a loan to the City of Mysore (State of Karnataka, India) for infrastructural works, including augmentation of water supply, started in 1998.

We believe that the rules of the ADB ~~intend~~ the involvement of the public in such works right from the planning stages upto completion. However, the planning carried out by ADB-appointed Consultants has been faulty in some aspects, and the quality control, also by ADB-approved Consultants, on works executed has been sub-standard.

In the works for Mysore City, the Government Departments and the Implementing Agencies have performed poorly or inadequately planned works of poor technical quality, and there has been no provision for public participation, no transparency of operation, and no quality assurance checks. Further, loan repayment has become an unbearable burden, MCC having defaulted for three years running, since revenue generation methods have flopped. Besides these general issues, which are very important, there are many specific issues, where things have gone wrong.

It may be argued that even though the funds are provided by the ADB, the responsibility remains that of the Government of Karnataka and of its subsidiary, the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC). Without minimizing the responsibility of the State Government, ADB's responsibility remains, as a premier banking institution loaning funds for development, for thorough and complete project planning before funds are sanctioned and allocated, and thereafter that funds are properly utilized in keeping with standards approved by ADB, or other best practices.

In the context of the Civil Society Consultation for ADB's Water Policy Implementation Review on 17-18 November 2005, that the undersigned has been invited to attend, we are offering comments on the Principal Elements of ADB's Water Policy, and also problems related to the ADB Works of Mysore City.

Yours faithfully,

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