

Kukatpally Development 2009-2011

An interim report on the efforts of the Lok Satta Party constituency unit

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This document describes the work undertaken for the all round welfare and development of Kukatpally constituency since Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan took charge as MLA in July 2009, up to January 2011. The attempt is to present an insightful overview rather than comprehensive details, along with links to a sampling of surveys and reports. The detailed and up to date information can be obtained at www.kukatpallynow.com and by contacting Sambu Reddy Bontu (Ph: +91-9441051844, E-mail: samanbontu@gmail.com).

I. Introduction

The Kukatpally constituency has a population of 7 lakhs. It has 7 divisions - KPHB, Moosapet, Fatehnagar, Motinagar, Bowenpally and Kukatpally, There are 68 slums and 40% of the population is below the poverty line.

While addressing problems, the focus of the team led by Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan is on maximizing the common good and long term benefits. Significant effort and funding are going into improving shared public services such as roads, drinking water etc, and special attention is being given to the problems and needs of persons in low income groups. Along with comprehensive, long term solutions, measures are being taken to ensure partial relief in the short to medium term.

A dedicated team of volunteers (who have their own jobs and careers), in close interaction with and inputs from Dr. JP, works round the year in all divisions of Kukatpally - meeting the people, conducting surveys, gathering information and pondering solutions. The results of this are then reported to Dr. JP, who takes the necessary actions - making site visits, pushing responsible persons to act, allocating funds, initiating projects, submitting proposals and so on. A photo journal of the numerous site visits, public meetings and surveys by Dr. JP and the LSP Kukatpally team is available here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/samanbontu>.

Purely in terms of numbers, by the efforts of Dr. JP, Rs. 460 crore has been sanctioned for the various projects in Kukatpally. Out of this, Rs. 100 crore has already been spent on finished projects. The rest, Rs. 360 crore, is for projects that are underway now or will begin shortly.

The primary focus areas can be divided into the following categories:

1. Public services and infrastructure (drinking water, roads & traffic, sewage, electricity, markets)
2. Health (hospitals, liquor control)
3. Education (schools, scholarships)
4. Low income groups welfare (civil supplies, pensions, employment)
5. Land issues (regularizing slum occupants, preventing land grabbing)

In many focus areas, the results are immediate and greatly appreciated by the public. In some areas, such

as traffic problems, there is some current dissatisfaction among the public since the projects undertaken will take 1.5 to 2 years for completion. Once completed, these will make a big, positive difference. Meanwhile, measures are being taken to ensure partial relief.

II. Information about projects and services

1. Public services

a. Drinking water: Projects undertaken for increased water release to constituency, prevent pollution, laying of new pipelines and connections, constructing water tanks and installing new borewells. The amount allocated is about Rs. 10 crore. Through all possible forums and means, Dr. JP is also strongly advocating implementation of Krishna Project Phase III as a long-term solution to alleviate the drinking water problem for the whole of Hyderabad.

- water supply to Kukatpally increased from 8 million gallons per day (mgd) as of May 2009 to 14 mgd currently. The aim is to reach 20 mgd, the official allocation.
- major work to prevent water pollution from drainage leaks (Rs. 7 crore)
- long pending issue solved, new pipeline and water tank completed, now serves 1 lakh people in Hasmathpet (Rs. 1.2 crore)
- long pending pipeline issue solved, and sump construction is underway, to serve 1 lakh people in Moosapet (Rs. 70 lakh)
- new power borewells installed, 10 per each of the 7 divisions.

More details of completed water projects are available here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=146

b. Roads and traffic: About Rs. 130 crore have been allocated to improve the traffic situation, primarily for building 4 major new roads. Summary of survey report on traffic grievances here: <http://kukatpallynow.com/images/stories/MyDocuments/TransportationGrievancesSummary.pdf>. Quick completion of long-pending projects, road widening and provision of public toilets, footpaths, direction boards and street lights are the other projects.

- projects addressing two primary bottlenecks
 1. KPHB & Hitec city traffic
 - Miyapur to Punjagutta junction, road upgrade to 6 lanes (Rs. 42 crore)
 - 4 major new roads sanctioned (Moosapet to Malaysian township [Rs 30 crore], IDL to Khaitalapur [Rs. 13 crore], Hitec city to Parvatnagar to Erragadda [Rs. 12 crore], Khaitalapur to Madhapur [Rs. 25 crore])
 - JNTU and Nizampet junctions, road widening (Rs. 1.5 crore)
 2. Fatehnagar and Balnagar area
 - Fatehnagar to Begumpet, road project pending from 10 years, completed in 1 year
 - Balnagar to HAL, new flyover proposed
 - Narsapur junction to HAL, new flyover proposed

- manholes repaired and covered in all divisions to prevent accidents

c. Sewage: About Rs. 60 crore allocated for 6 new sewage treatment plants, construction of new nalas, remodelling and widening of several existing large nalas and demolition of encroachments on nalas.

Periodic progress reports on works related to roads and sewage here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=138&Itemid=145

d. Electricity: Several new sub stations proposed and sanctioned for solving long term low and fluctuating voltage problems. For immediate relief, extensions of lines from existing sub-stations are being undertaken.

- 1 new 220/132/33 KV substation near KPHB 4th phase proposed (Rs. 50 crore)
- 4 new 33 KV substations proposed (Khaitalapur - Moosapet, JNTU - KPHB, Metro to KP, Balanagar - Fatehnagar)
- for immediate impact, extension of 132 KV line from IDPL to KPHB and Vijayanagar colony substations

The correspondence of the Divisonal Engineer approving the projects listed above and scheduling repair and maintenance work here:

<http://kukatpallynow.com/images/stories/MyDocuments/electricalDevelopmentWorks2009-2011.doc>

e. Markets: Measures to eliminate corruption by colluding agents and officials, proposal for multi-storeyed building for market and shifting meat and fish market to new premises, improving parking facilities and traffic in market area.

Survey of Rythu bazaar infrastructure and performance here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=154&Itemid=155

2. Health

a. Hospitals and health care centers: An increased attention to healthcare was achieved by highlighting the deficiencies in the number and facilities of existing health centers via a detailed survey. Land has been identified for a new Primary Health Center (PHC) and 12 new sub-centers will be established. Tie-ups with NGOs to provide affordable services and medicines to the poor. Ensuring implementation of Jawahar Bala Arogya Raksha scheme starting January 2011.

b. Anti-liquor: 17 belt shops were closed down and awareness campaigns were conducted. Further success only limited due to lack of response from local public in many areas.

Complete information about local health centers, responsible officers and cadre, schemes and medicines available here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=80&Itemid=98

3. Education (schools, scholarships):

a. Schools: Following a survey of 46 schools, several schools have been allocated funds for new classrooms and new toilets. 17 primary schools run out of community halls will get new buildings. Allotment of 4 acres land for a new Government Degree College taken up with the government. Partnering with NGOs to provide midday meals in all 46 schools and improving academic standards.

Detailed reports on survey of all primary and Zilla Parishad government schools available here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=95

b. Scholarships: A help desk was provided at the Mandal Revenue Office (MRO) for helping thousands of students to obtain eligibility certificates for fee reimbursements. Active intervention to help 500 students of 'Thurpu Kapu' caste establish eligibility and obtain reimbursement. Following this, the problem was solved for students of this caste in the whole state.

4. Low income groups welfare (civil supplies, pensions, employment)

a. Civil supplies: Several measures taken to regularize the services of ration shops and curb malpractices by dealers, introduction of smart cards in Balnagar ration shop (only 1 of 3 in whole of AP), reduction of gas price connections. Full information about all shop owners and permits here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=119

b. Pensions: Efforts resulted in sanctioning of pensions to 2500 people, primarily widows and old women.

c. Employment: Bank accounts opened for 1500 hundred sanitation employees, because of which they now get full salary. Earlier middlemen were knocking back a significant portion of it. Training programmes for women's groups and youth are conducted regularly. 400 people have gained employment through the 35 job melas conducted at the party office.

Comprehensive information of self-help and employment schemes collected by LSP volunteers: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=108&Itemid=123

More details of the training and employment programs and their successes here: http://kukatpallynow.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=139&Itemid=147

5. Land issues (regularizing slum occupants, preventing land grabbing)

a. Regularizing slum dwellers: People residing in slums for 30-40 years have to be issued ownership documents or pattas by the Government. Efforts are on to push the case for 13,800 people to be issued the pattas.

b. Lakes: All 14 lakes in Kukatpally surveyed and money sanctioned for laying of stones to mark boundaries and prevent encroachments. Local committees formed for protecting 11 lakes. With Dr. JP's

initiative, a GHMC lake protection committee chaired by an IAS officer has been formed.

c. Encroachments: Removal of encroachments on JNTU road by Sujana and Manjira constructions and imposition of fines. The lift of a building built on Government land has been demolished after having been pending due to political pressure for a long time.

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