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City to seek ₹667 crore for women's safety project

'States used less than 20% of Nirbhaya Fund till 2018'

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For ensuring safety of women in Bengaluru, the State Cabinet has decided to submit a ₹667-crore proposal under the Nirbhaya Fund to the Centre.

A three-year project, 'Safe City Project for Safety of Women', would be implemented by the Centre and State government in the ratio of 60:40.

While the Centre would contribute ₹400.02 crore, the State government would incur ₹266.80 crore expenditure during 2018-21.

Report ready

In the wake of crimes against women in the city, the office of the city Police Commissioner has prepared the first report, which was accepted by a Steering Committee of the Union Home Ministry in 2018. Now, the Union Home Ministry has sought a detailed report from the State

within a month, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told presspersons after a Cabinet meeting here on Tuesday.

Under the project, about 7,500 CCTV cameras would be installed at various locations of eight administrative divisions of the city. The Minister said "safety islands" at vulnerable locations would be identified and GIS-based crime mapping would be introduced. A new integrated emergency number for women to reach out to police would also be introduced.

Under the "safe city proposals" for Bengaluru, it also included placement of NGO volunteers at women's helpdesk in police stations and establishment of critical care response units at leading hospitals.

Under the Nirbhaya Fund, the Centre had also sought proposals from cities such as Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad,

Ahmedabad, and Lucknow. Ernst & Young is the consultant for the project.

Introduced in 2012

The Nirbhaya Fund was set up by the UPA-II in the aftermath of the gang rape of a paramedical student in a moving bus in New Delhi in December 2012, with an initial corpus of ₹1,000 crore.

The fund supports schemes for safety of women, and over the past six years it has swelled to ₹3,600 crore through allocation in the Finance Budgets. Though the fund was instituted in 2013, its disbursement gathered pace only from 2015.

However, the States and Union Territories have utilised less than 20% of the budget allocated to them under the Nirbhaya Fund for safety of women by the Union government between 2015 and 2018, according to official data.

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