

## BMC Polls: Here's a look at manifestos of major political parties and ground reality

Political parties person failed to support the promises that were made successful the predetermination manifestoes, pointed retired a Praja Foundation report-- "Mumbai's Party-Wise Manifesto (2017-22) Analysis & Targets to Set for 2022-2027", which was released connected Thursday.

The information shared successful the study revealed that hardly immoderate interest among the governmental parties connected issues taken up and mentioned successful their respective manifestos during elections.

A elaborate investigation was carried retired astir the enactment manifestoes and compared them with the parties' questions connected the aforesaid issues successful the past 5 years ( 2017-18 to 2020-2021).

With BMC polls coming up adjacent twelvemonth successful February, governmental parties and their candidates volition soon state their commitments and promises for the coming tenure. Praja Foundation has released an investigation of manifesto promises of large governmental parties (Shiv Sena, BJP, INC and NCP) and compared them with deliberations, circumstantial manifesto points and citizens' complaints related to those manifesto points.

Based connected this analysis, Praja besides shared recommendations of targets to beryllium acceptable for upcoming BMC elections and provided a extremity truthful that elected councillors tin enactment towards achieving the same. Additionally, planetary and planetary targets person been recommended by Praja truthful that governmental parties tin see them successful the caller manifesto they volition beryllium preparing for the upcoming civic polls.

"The governmental parties, earlier elections, make their ain manifestos which outline the objectives of the enactment candidates for the upcoming councillors' term, based connected which citizens elite their representatives. The manifesto, among different things, includes enactment plans and promises to supply civic wants and needs arsenic good arsenic lick assorted work transportation related issues that citizens look connected a regular basis," said Nitai Mehta, Trustee, Praja Foundation.

BJP promised 24 hours h2o supply, however, the mean timing of h2o proviso successful 2020 was lone 5.39 hours. Whereas NCP promised nary much h2o leakages, however, 15,463 complaints related to h2o leakages successful 2017-18 to 2020-21 were recorded. From 2017 to 2021, Congress councillors asked 12 questions connected h2o proviso each year, portion NCP councillors asked lone 1 question each year.

The study portion tracking the complaints and deliberations, discovered that immoderate of the highest areas of complaints person not been successfully deliberated upon. For example, the highest complaints registered was 75,915 for sewerage and drainage issues from 2017-18 to 2020-21. Despite that, the Praja study has revealed that lone 4 per cent (136 retired of 3,510) of full deliberations were connected issues of drainage.

Praja study further stated that Some of the large governmental parties, successful their manifesto for 2017 polls, promised betterment successful coagulated discarded absorption (SWM) and amended garbage collection.

However, Praja's study has pointed retired that 54,029 SWM complaints were registered betwixt 2017 to 2021, of which lone 40 per cent were for garbage not collected. Only 8 per cent (287) of full questions were asked connected the aforesaid by the corporators of large governmental parties.

Addressing the Media, Milind Mhaske, Director, Praja Foundation said: "The study besides highlights the request for councillors to notation to the promises made by them successful the manifesto earlier the elections, portion deliberating during their term. Despite promises being made to resoluteness issues related to potholes, h2o supply, drainages, SWM, hawkers and truthful on, deliberations connected them person not been enough."

" The wide proportionality of questions asked by large governmental parties connected issues related to potholes was conscionable 2 per cent . As different example, the percent of questions raised by corporators connected h2o proviso issues was lone 7 per cent of full questions from 2017-18 to 2020-21. Similarly, lone 4 per cent of full questions were raised by large governmental parties contempt BJP, NCP and INC promising a argumentation for hawkers and peculiar zones for hawkers & different thoroughfare vendors," Mhaske said.

"The disparity of complaints and questions asked by councillors spell connected to reaffirm the value of deliberation of national circumstantial issues. Political parties should guarantee that the manifestos align to achieving these targets by creating programmes astir the same," added Mhaske.

Praja's study has suggested that astatine contiguous determination are 17 antithetic agencies, and truthful determination is the occupation of overlapping of roles and coordination betwixt these agencies. All agencies should besides beryllium nether the nonstop power of the Mayor.

### **Some of the Findings**

Only 39% of wide deliberations were related to the manifesto points of large governmental parties from 2017 to 18 to 2020-21.

Despite promises to resoluteness citizens issues, deliberations connected them were not satisfactory, starring to greater complaints.

## **Manifesto and failure**

Shiv Sena had promised pothole-free Mumbai with caller exertion and material, however, successful 2017-18 to 2020-21, 17,908 complaints were related to potholes.

BJP had promised a 24/7 h2o supply, however, 204 retired of 290 zones received lone up to 4 hours of h2o proviso successful 2020.

Despite BJP, NCP and INC promising a argumentation for hawkers and peculiar zones for hawkers & different thoroughfare vendors, 34,129 hawker-related complaints were registered from F.Y. 2017-18 to 2020-21.

## **Recommendations**

Efforts indispensable beryllium made to execute Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and different authorities targets and manifestos should beryllium made keeping these goals and targets successful mind.

The Mayor should beryllium empowered and their word should beryllium made co-terminus with the word of the City Government.

The City Government should beryllium the nodal bureau for the transportation of each the 18 functions mentioned successful the 12th docket of the Constitution and functions of section importance.

Citizen Participation Forum, a level that allows citizens to explicit their needs and wants, should beryllium created to guarantee the citizen-centric attack to readying for work delivery.

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