

Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties

[Section 4(1) (b) (i)]

1. Aims and objectives of the public authority

- The focus of the Smart City Mission is on sustainable and inclusive development. The idea is to look at compact areas and create a replicable model which will act like a lighthouse to other aspiring cities.
- The objective of the mission is to develop the capital city of Goa into a city that provides core infrastructure (physical, social and economic) along with a clean and sustainable environment, keeping up with the underlying aim of enhancing the overall quality of life of its citizens.
- To drive economic growth and development in Panaji City and its surrounding areas by enabling local area development through the concepts of Retrofitting/ Redevelopment / Pan –city development/ Area-based development etc.
- To design and implement “smart solutions” for various infrastructural sectors across the city
- To incorporate climate change as a significant aspect in city planning and devise techniques to address/mitigate the various environmental/climatic challenges that the city faces with the help of ‘smart’ technological interventions.
- To invest in resources of green infrastructure and ensure that green coverage across the city is adequately maintained, retained and enhanced so as to create a balanced ecosystem in the capital.
- To take up and implement any other activity in the promotion and development of Panaji City as a Smart City.

2. Mission / Vision Statement of the Public Authority

- Transforming the City of Panaji into a world-class, environmentally sustainable and livable city for all through innovation and state-of-the-art smart solutions while ensuring that its heritage, cultural diversity and ecosystem is preserved for posterity.

3. Main Activities / Functions of the Public Authority

Under the national Smart City Program of the Government of India, Panaji city has been selected for implementing Smart City solutions. In tune with the above, the Government of Goa has created an SPV, known as Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL) for the purpose of overall co-ordination, planning, and implementation of smart city projects in urban infrastructure in Panaji.

The functions of IPSCDL range on a continuum from empowering the city with ICT tools to revitalization of the areas in and around Panaji, livelihood enhancement, etc. IPSCDL aims at developing Panaji as the engine of economic growth in the State by undertaking local area development and harnessing technology, especially technology that leads to Smart outcomes. The corporation has two core objectives: Pan City and Area Based Development. The strategic components of Area-based development in the Smart Cities Mission are city improvement (retrofitting), city renewal (redevelopment) and city extension (greenfield development) plus a Pan-city initiative in which Smart Solutions are applied covering larger parts of the city.

In a nutshell, the SPV aims at bridging the gap between the physical infrastructural shortfalls in the city as well as enrichment of various social and economic aspects that affect the life of the citizens. The key functions and responsibilities of the Corporation include:

- i. Approve and sanction the projects including their technical appraisal.
- ii. Execute the Smart City Proposal with complete operational freedom.
- iii. Take measures to comply with the requirements of the MoUD/other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India/State Government Rules and regulations, local laws etc for implementation of the Smart Cities Mission.
- iv. Mobilize resources within timelines and take measures necessary for the mobilization of resources.
- v. Approve and act upon the reports of a third party Review and Monitoring Agency.
- vi. Oversee Capacity Building activities.
- vii. Develop and benefit from interlinkages of academic institutions and organizations.
- viii. Ensure timely completion of projects according to set timelines.
- ix. Undertake review of activities of the Mission including budget, implementation of projects, preparation of Smart City Proposal (SCP) and co-ordination with other missions/schemes and activities of various Ministries/Departments.
- x. Monitor and review quality control related matters and act upon issues arising thereof.
- xi. Incorporation of joint ventures and subsidiaries and enter into Public Private Partnerships including with foreign entities as may be required for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission.
- xii. Enter into contracts, partnerships and service delivery arrangements with Indian as well as foreign firms, as may be required for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission.
- xiii. Determine and collect user charges as authorized by the ULB.
- xiv. Collect taxes, surcharges etc. as authorized by the ULB.

xv. Any other functions as delegated by the Central Government/ State Government/ULB within the scope of Smart Cities Mission.

4. Citizen's interaction-Expectation of the Public Authority from the public for enhancing its effectiveness and efficiency

All the developmental projects that happen in Panaji Smart City go through public consultation and all the valid comments, suggestions and advices are taken into account. The corporation believes in active citizens' participation in decision making and hence has a very user friendly website that is open to feedback from the public. IPSCDL also employs social networking platforms to reach out to the citizens.

5. Address of the main office, attached / subordinate office / field units etc.

Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited
Adil Shah Palace, Old Secretariat,
Panaji – Goa 403 001

6. Working hours both for office and public

The citizens may obtain information from IPSCDL during office hours between 9.30 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. on all working days i.e. from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). However, if an applicant applies under RTI to peruse the information/records of IPSCDL, he/she will be given a date and time which will be mutually agreed upon and necessary facilities will be made available to him/her.