

'Greater Bangalore should be planned properly'

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Dec 12: Former Bangalore mayor P R Ramesh on Tuesday said that the Government needs to have a proper plan before taking up the process for formation of Greater Bangalore.

He told reporters here that merger of areas into the BMP would create more problems, if the Government does not have a plan of action. He also suggested that before merging them with the BMP, the Government should develop City Municipal Corporations (CMC) and Town Municipal Council (TMC).

"Development has to take place in terms of drainage, road-widening, infrastructure, etc," he said.

He said that City does not have sufficient infrastructure facilities like public transport system, fire fighting system, traffic management system including traffic police.

"If over 500 sq km is added to the present area, then there will be only chaos and no orderly management," he said, adding that agencies like water supply, sewerage, pollution control boards and other civic agencies should mandatorily come under the management, supervision and control of the City corporation.

He said if physical boundaries are expanded, then there will be more migration into the city, worsening the matter further.

"Instead, what is needed is a separate Greater Bangalore Mahanagara Palike for the newer areas without affecting the existing BMP," Ramesh added.

He suggested a separate statute governing the City corporation in place of the existing KMC Act. There should be a separate law governing the proposed Greater Bangalore apart from the present KMC Act, he added.