

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Town Planning Trust (TPT) was constituted in 1962 and it was transformed as the Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority which had come into existence in 1978 under AP Urban Areas (Dev) Act, 1975 for the areas covering Visakhapatnam, Gajuwaka, Bheemunipatnam, Anakapalle and Vizianagaram Municipalities and 287 villages with an extent of 1721 Sq.Kms. The VMR Region has been witnessing tremendous growth and accordingly, the Government vide G.O.Ms.No. 525 of MA & UD Dept., dt. 30-7-2008 have extended the jurisdiction of VUDA to an extent of 5573 Sq.Kms covering four Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam & East Godavari and Municipalities of Amudalavalasa, Srikakulam of Srikakulam District & Tuni of East Godavari District.

VUDA replaced erstwhile Town Planning Trust, a similar body constituted in 1962, which was operating in a limited area of Visakhapatnam municipal area. VUDA, as part of its specified objectives, prepared a Master Plan for the entire Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region (VMR) and the then Government of Andhra Pradesh approved it. The zonal development plans of Vizianagaram, Bheemunipatnam, Gajuwaka and Anakapalli towns have been sanctioned. In the peripheral area, zonal development plans of Madhurawada, Rushikonda and Gopalapatnam have been sanctioned. VUDA also has the responsibility of coordinating and implementing important Urban Development Plans.

VUDA TRANSFORMED AS VMRDA

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No. 302, MA & UD Department, dated. 05-09-2018 have notified Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), Visakhapatnam consequent to dissolution of the Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) vide G.O.Ms.No.301, MA&UD (M) Department dated 05-09-2018; Sri.P.Basant Kumar, IAS has been appointed as the First Metropolitan Commissioner for Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), Visakhapatnam vide G.O.Ms.No. 844, dt. 05-09-2018 of the MA & UD (H1) Department, Govt. of AP.

- The Govt. vide G.O.Ms.No.303, MA&UD (M) Department, dated: 05.09.2018, have constituted the Authority for Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) with the following members, namely,

1	To be appointed by the Government	Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department	Deputy Chairperson
3	Principal Secretary to Government, finance Department	Member
4	To be appointed by the Government-Metropolitan Commissioner	Member Convenor
5	Officers not more than six, dealing with Transportation, Roads & Buildings, Energy, Environment or such other departments as may be deemed necessary by the Government	Member
6	District Collectors of the Development area	Members
7	Director of Town & Country Planning	Member
8	Three experts of national or international repute who possess knowledge in urban governance, urban planning, conservation, environment and transportation to be appointed by the Government	Members

- The Government vide G.O.Ms.No.304 MA&UD (M) Department, dated: 05.09.2018 have constituted Executive Committee for Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) with the following members.

1	Principal Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Dept	Chairperson
2	Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary to Government MA&UD Dept	Member
3	Joint Secretary /Deputy Secretary to Govt. Finance Department	Member
4	Officers or Heads of Government Departments or the Authority not exceeding five in number	Members
5	Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA	Member-Convenor

1.2 OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE OF THIS INFORMATION HANDBOOK

The object of the Authority shall be to promote and secure the development of all or any of the areas comprised in the development area concerned according to plan and for that purpose, the Authority shall have the power to acquire, by way of purchase or otherwise, hold, manage, plan, develop and mortgage or otherwise dispose of land and other property, to carry out by or on its behalf building, engineering, mining and other operations, to execute works in connection with supply of water and electricity, disposal of sewerage and control of pollution, other services and amenities and generally to do anything necessary or expedient for purposes incidental thereto.

1.3 WHO ARE THE INTENDED USERS OF THE HANDBOOK?

Citizens, civil society organizations, public representatives, officers and employees of the public authorities including public information officers and Asst. public information officers and Appellate officers, central and state information commissions etc.

1.4 DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS

VMRDA	–	Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development
MC	–	Metropolitan Commissioner
Secy	–	Secretary
CAO	–	Chief Accounts Officer
CE	–	Chief Engineer
SE	-	Superintending Engineer
DFO	–	Divisional Forest Officer
EO	–	Estate Officer
CUP	-	Chief Urban Planner

1.5 GETTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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