

Q In order to improve the ease of <sup>living</sup> ~~doing~~ in Indian cities, urban local bodies need to have wider access to financial resources.  
Explain.

Soln Recently in Finance Budget ~~for~~ 2021-21 for FY21 Government of India (GoI) announced to spend 19 lakh crore in coming 5 years. Under National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)

→ To improve the ease of living;

• To improve ~~the~~ people must have all basic facilities like

- Water.
- Sanitation.
- proper infrastructure
- Availability of school and hospital nearby.
- and etc.

• Acc. to High-Powered Expert Committee for Estimates. ~~That~~ approx. ₹ 39.2 trillion is req. for Indian Infrastructure to fulfill the needs from 2011 to 2031!

→ Wider access to financial resources.

→ ACC to report ~~the~~ the need of fund by Urban Local Bodies are approx. 40 billion.

→ Can be gained by proper steps like

(i) ULB to have predictable revenue system.

(ii) by having a proper Capacity building

(iii) innovative financial products to attract investors

- Govt can amend the Municipal Act and provide financial power compulsorily.
- State Govt can provide power to levy taxes and other financial power.
  - like imposing sewered tax
  - pollution tax and etc
- Govt (both Centre & state) can provide grants and funds to local governing bodies.
- Need is the proper representation ↳ help to put the financial needs in front of Govt.
- Another need is to plug the leakage in current sources etc.
- Govt can launch bonds and get money from market to fulfill its needs.

### △ Conclusion

For development and improving the living condition of people the need is to provide more freedom to decentralised financial matters from both Centre & State, under proper supervision.