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Upto the year 1983-84 Nagar Parishad was receiving perceptible revenue from fees on entrance and sell-purchase of cattles in municipal area. In 1983-84 19% of the total tax revenue was from the fees on cattles sold and purchased in municipal area. But after this Shahu Market Committee, Gadhinglaj claimed this source of income and Government of Maharashtra by order transferred this source to Shahu Market Committee, Gadhinglaj.

Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad is also receiving revenue from hotel tax of 3 to 4 thousand rupees per year. It also

receives cess for the plantation in municipal area but such proceed is of negligible amount and there is no hope in rising this source because too many taxes on the citizens already applied are creating resistance from point of view of election as opined by many senior Councillors.

Nagar Parishad is also receiving fees from library membership, which is conducted by municipal authority. Revenue from this source increases directly with the rate of increase in number of reader members. Yearly income from this source ranges from Rs. 5 to 8 thousand rupees. But it is also found that cost for purchasing books and maintainance of library staff of 3 to 4 persons is high and cannot be covered. For example, in 1984-85 expenditure on library was Rs. 55,079/- but revenue from library fees was Rs. 8,465/- only. Yearly new books will have to be purchased but fees cannot be increased by authority as it suddenly reduces membership.

Except above mentioned sources in Chapter No. 1 to 7 there are not any other sources as taxes which the municipality can create and maintain on its own.

REVENUE FROM PROPERTY AND SERVICES OF NAGAR PARISHAD :

Utilized for the benefit of citizens. Revenue from this source includes rent from building and rooms of municipality let for trading concerns, rent from speaker, use of meeting hall, roller and fire-fighter. Revenue for this is given in Table No. 11.

TABLE NO. 11
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Source	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 Budgeted
Rent of Rooms	59,703	83,849	99,102	1,38,867	1,71,484	1,15,000
Rent of Speaker & Hall	365	280	315	710	795	700
Rent of Fire Fighter	292	1,639	4,483	4,666	2,507	3,000
Rent of Road Roller	13,900	14,631	41,560	19,500	35,695	25,000

(Source :- Annual Accounts)

Here it can be seen that for increasing rent of buildings and rooms new constructions at vacant places on the sides of roads should take place. Other rent is dependent on the use made or services utilized by the public.

Revenue from property and services includes charges for water connections, sale of plants, bills from repairs of water connections, fee for building licence, notice fees, layout plans fees, penalties charged under Municipal Act etc. This total comes out on an average Rs. 2 lakhs per year. But amount of revenue from this total services depends on the volume of services utilized by public. Extra efforts for raising them is not necessary. Only and important thing required is efficiency and quality of services are essential. From the records of annual accounts it is found that yearly increase of Rs. 25,000/- on an average is expected to be realised as additional revenue from this source.

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES :

Following grants and subsidies are received by Nagar Parishad.

- Grants for :
- a) Primary & Secondary Education
 - b) Development Plans & Town Plans
 - c) Dearness Allowance
 - d) Salary of Chief Officer
 - e) Road Repairy
 - f) Non-agricultural Cess
 - g) Library & Entertainment Tax
 - h) Others.

Government of Maharashtra has fixed percentages and volume of grants for each of the above matters and it is applicable to local bodies in Maharashtra. Here only attempt required is to recover the grants and subsidies in time to start development works in feasible time. For example, Maharashtra Government gives 90% of D.A. as grant, 75% grant for non-agricultural cess, 50% grants for remunerative projects.

OTHER SOURCES :

Other sources include interest from investment of Nagar Parishad, proceed from sale of materials, fertilizer, sewages, forms and list of voters etc.

Important point is that Nagar Parishad can increase its financial strength only on the proper administration of various taxes and rates levied with previous sanction of Government of Maharashtra and not on the sources from grants and subsidies, fees or fixed rents or sale of store material. Grants and subsidies will depend on the state policy and financial strength of particular state and allocation of its finances for various priority sector.

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