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A) TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION :

Gadhinglaj Town is situated in Southern Area of Kolhapur District in the State of Maharashtra. Gadhinglaj Taluka is of first number Taluka economically, industrially and agriculturally in Kolhapur District. It is covered by Karnatak - Maharashtra Boundary Area. Gadhinglaj is at this time, semi-urban area and is likely to be urban area in short period of time in future due to Sugar Industry, Plastic Industry, Milk Projects and other small industries.

Historical reference¹ is available that Late Shri. Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj had established Gadhinglaj Gaon in the proximity of Hiranyakeshi and in the proximity of historical Kille Samangad, for the purpose of supervising the revenue and military administration at that time and established here Military Chouki. So the developments of Gadhinglaj has been on the guidelines of Late Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj.

Gadhinglaj city has got the status of Municipal Council since 1887 in British Regime. At that time, Local Governments constituted were named as Municipalities.

After Independence Municipalities have been known as Nagar Parishadas. Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad in Statute is known as Gadhinglaj Municipal Council.

Today Gadhinglaj City has covered 3.38 Square K.M. area. Population of Gadhinglaj City is given in the following Table No. 1.

1. Constitution of Gadhinglaj Municipality,

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TABLE NO. 1

TABLE SHOWING POPULATION OF GADHINGLAJ CITY

Years.	Population
1921	4,768
1931	6,600
1941	7,235
1951	8,546
1961	10,681
1971	14,663
1981	18,535

Source :- Constitutional Documents shown by Chief Officer.

In Maharashtra Municipality Act, 1965, as per Section 4 of Chapter II, every Municipal area shall be classified by the State as A, B and C Class on the basis of population thereof as specified below :-

- (a) A municipal area without population of more than 75,000 shall be 'A' Class municipal area.
- (b) A municipal area with population of more than 30,000 but less than 75,000 shall be 'B' class municipal area.
- (c) A municipal area with population 30,000 or less shall be 'C' Class municipal area.

As per this provision Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad has got 'C' Class. In coming year of 1987, Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad is going to complete its hundred years of life with manysided upheavals but with better progress as compared with other Nagar Parishads in Maharashtra. For this achievement Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad has got 'Merit Certificate' in 1981 for better administration and collection of revenues.

B) FINANCES AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS :

Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad has been facing many blows and updowns due to financial crisis. Upto 1975, from the inception (1887) budgets of Nagar Parishad were not loaded with high capital projects. Nagar Parishad had maintained only administrative staff and some civic amenities like lighting, cleaning, roads constructions and small library. Nagar Parishad had a building for office and library at one place. Only 15 years ago Nagar Parishad had started municipal school upto 7th standard, which today has developed into a competitive school with Five Branches in city in which hundreds of students are taking primary education at facility.

Today Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad has following types of properties and constructions.¹

1. Papers and Documents shown by Chief Officer.

- (1) Nagar Parishad Building with Shahu Sabhagrah -
Cost Rs. 10 lakhs.
- (2) Municipal library with Sane Sabhagrah -
Cost Rs. 8 lakhs.
- (3) 55 rooms erected on the sides of main roads for
letting out to traders and businessmen.
- (4) Tilak Garden - Cost Rs. 7 lakhs.
- (5) Municipal Hospital - Cost Rs. 2 lakhs.
- (6) Bhaji Mandai - Cost Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
- (7) Octroi and Tolls Offices - Cost Rs. $\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs.
- (8) Municipal Ground in Gadhinglaj -
Cost Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
- (9) Municipal Natyagrah - Cost Rs. 3 lakhs.
- (10) Water Supply Project - Cost Rs. 35 lakhs.

Besides these properties and constructions Nagar Parishad has a roller, fire-fighter, two trucks, tempos, trollies, ambulance, water tank with tractor.

Today Nagar Parishad has maintained staff of 92 employees which includes officers, clerks, workers, operators drawing salary of Rs. 51,79,000/- per month.²

2. From Annual Accounts of Nagar Parishad.

C) REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

ITEMS OF THE NAGAR PARISHAD :

HOW IT EARNS :

Systematic record is available to some extent from 1975. Upto 1975 Nagar Parishad relied to greater extent on the revenue sources from property tax, octroi only. Another source was grants from State Government which was also pending sometimes.

Since 1975 Nagar Parishad started to increase its revenue by imposing various types of rates and taxes, although the octroi and property tax remained major source in the total. Specially after 1980 Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad has been receiving revenues from octroi, property tax, entertainment tax, advertisement tax, vehicle tax, tree tax, cleaning tax, market tax, water tax, hotel tax. It also receives revenues from recovery under special statutes, rent from vacant lands, buildings. Sabhagrah, fire-fighter, roller etc. It also receives grants from State Government, interest from investments, deposits, Government Promissory Notes and National Deposit Certificates.

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AS OPINED BY THE PRESIDENT :

As compared with other Nagar Parishads in Kolhapur District, it is seen that resources are comparatively more at the disposal of Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad. Today the revenues earned by Nagar Parishad by imposing various rates and taxes are near about 20 to 25 lakhs of rupees every year. Major share in this figure is occupied by octroi, property tax, sanitary tax and special water tax.

Yearly income of rupees two lakhs is received from the services and properties used from the Nagar Parishad e.g. rent of halls, roller, buildings and vacant lands, betterment charges, sale of plants, fees on water pipe lines, repairy, building licence fees, layout plan fees, penalties etc.

There is another source from Government grants and contribution to Nagar Parishad's Funds i.e. Education Fund, Town Planning and Development Plan Funds, Library Grant, Grants for road repairy.

HOW IT EXPENDS ?

Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad is appropriating vast amount i.e. 54 lakhs of rupees for the year 1984-85, for civic and welfare activities for the Town area. Under the

head of General Administration Nagar Parishad expends 20%, for Security 1%, for Health Services 45%, for Education 34% of the total expenditure of Nagar Parishad.

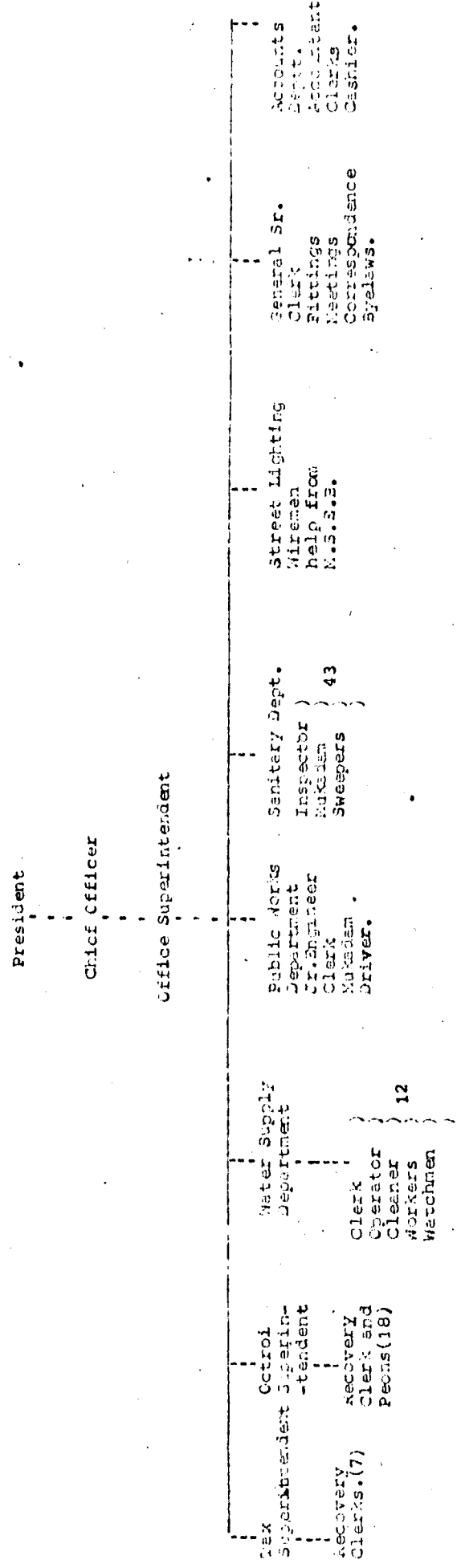
Under the head of General Administration comes the expenses as Salary, D. A., Travelling, Printing, Contribution to P.F., Employees' Dress, Postage, Honorary Payments etc. are rearded.

Expenses for octroi include salary, furniture repair, telephone, dress, lighting, printing, constructing toll offices. Expenses for public security include expenses of fire-fighters, petrolling, repair, salary etc. Expenses for health services include water supply works, digging wells, salary, chemicals and maintenance etc.

Other expenses are for special cleaning, hospital services, diesel and petrol for municipal vehicles, construction of drainages, expenses for public gardens, tree plantation, building repair and construction, library books etc.

Water supply, health and cleaning services occupy major portion of the total expenditure of Nagar Parishad.

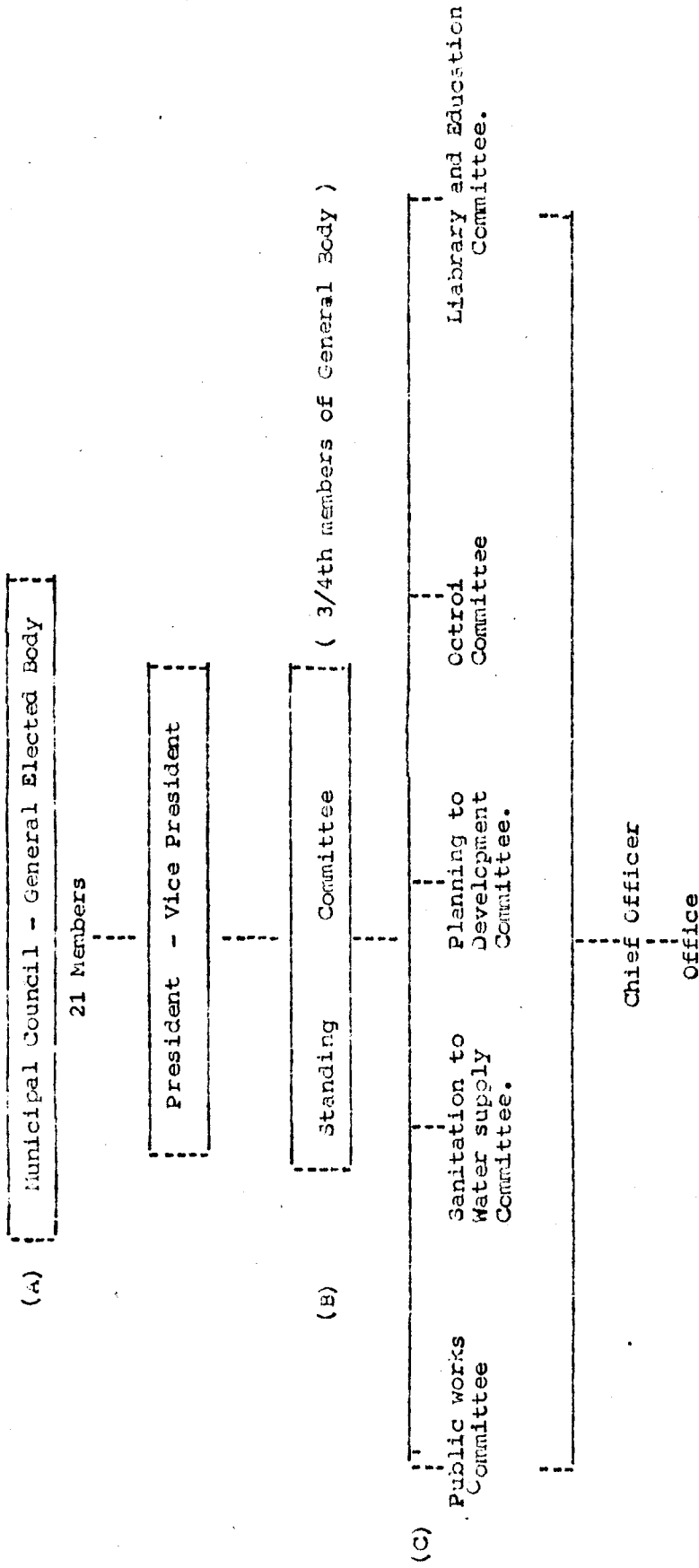
(D) Office of Nagar-Parishad (Figure No.1)



(Source - observation and visit to Office)

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(E) Authority in Nagar-Perishad (Figure No. 2)



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1 - Source - Resolution No.29 in Councillors meeting.

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F) TOWARDS THE STUDY :

Even though Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad is appropriating vast amount per year, it is facing financial shortage in developmental works which include projects like hospital, school, public garden, grounds, water supply project, roads, drainages etc. This view is taken from the interview with Chief Officer, Nagar Parishad has got tremendous targets to be fulfilled in the wake of rising city area, population, industries, trade for which it has

1. Source - Resolution No. 29 in Councillor's Meeting. 9

to provide civic amenities, and do some welfare activities and developmental works, and proper town plans which are essential for socio- economic infrastructure.

Within an environment of overall scarcity, the sense of denial and deprivation is most pervasive and acute in case of various Nagar Parishadas. So Investigator wants to study the important sources of revenues of Gadhinglaj Nagar Parishad during the period from 1980-81 to 1984-85 under the study.

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PART - TWO

ANALYSIS AND OBSERVATIONS