

Rs 66 thousand crore plan to develop Kalinga Nagar into mega complex

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With the industrial hub of Kalinga Nagar rapidly transforming the demography of the region, a draft Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for Kalinga Nagar Development Authority (KNDA) has projected an investment of Rs 66,139 crore for developing the areas into a modern industrial city.

The CDP prepared by Rolta India proposes comprehensive infrastructure development from roads, water resources, housing, health, education and other state-of-the-art amenities to sustain a population that is projected to touch 5.39 lakh by the year 2030.

The city would encompass about 161 villages, including 20 wards, under Vyasanagar Municipality, 41 villages under Sukinda Tehsil, 65 under Danagadi, 29 under Vyasanagar Tehsil and six under Rasulpur Tehsil.

It will cover an area of 458.78 sq km.

The CDP has proposed to implement the plan in a phased manner, in the short and long term.

In the short term over five years, the planners have estimated an investment of Rs 1,235 crore and the rest through the long term plan implementation till the plan period by 2030.

Basic infrastructure development like roads, housing, water and lighting, development of commercial complexes, business hubs, administrative areas, vehicle terminuses and recreation corridors would be given prominence.

The agency has suggested 200 ft wide major arterial roads and 100 ft wide local arterial roads covering 90.48 km and 100.47 km respectively. About 39 junctions, five bus stands and four truck terminuses are proposed as the CDP pitches for a modern and robust mass transport system for the area. As per the plan projection, about 1,07,800 houses will be required in the region by 2030. After deducting the present housing stock, about 94,517 new houses would be required by KNDA. On an average, as many as 4,728 new houses have to be constructed every year with an additional land requirement of 3,796 hectares.

The city would meet its water requirements from Brahmani basin with an inflow of 18,577 million cubic metres and the ground water availability is estimated to be around 9,439 cubic metres.

Fast building up into a mega industrial complex, Kalinga Nagar has around 11 major industries at present with five more coming up by 2015. The major industries would also give a spurt to downstream and ancillary sector in the region. Of the total Rs 6,6139 crore, public sector investment would be around Rs 60,889 crore and private sector Rs 5,250 crore in the proposed plan period, the CDP states.