

Functions of Urban Local Government

Chapter 12: Grassroots Democracy – Part 3: Local Government in Urban Areas · Topic 2

Key Concept

Functions include maintaining roads, managing waste collection and disposal, ensuring water supply, and maintaining public parks and street lighting.

Urban bodies also oversee public health services, like vaccination drives and sanitation inspections, and manage building permissions and urban planning.

They collect local taxes, like property tax, to fund these services, and are responsible for ensuring these funds are used effectively for city development.

These functions help maintain a good quality of life in urban areas, addressing challenges that come with dense populations and complex city infrastructure.

Quick Revision Notes

- Urban bodies maintain roads and manage waste collection.
- They ensure water supply and maintain parks and lighting.
- They oversee public health services like vaccination drives.
- They manage building permissions and urban planning.
- They collect local taxes like property tax.
- Tax funds are used for city development.
- These functions maintain quality of life in cities.
- Urban bodies address dense population challenges.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research one function of your city's or town's local government.
- 2 Discuss how property tax funds city services.
- 3 Explain why urban planning matters for a growing city.
- 4 Discuss a public health service provided in your area.
- 5 Compare urban and rural local government functions.
- 6 Suggest one improvement for your local urban services.