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- Municipalized (rather than para-statal) provision of basic services within an upgrading approach. Should include street level services
- Provision of services on an occupancy of “as is where is basis” rather than titles as a “pre-condition”. Promote “Holder” khata
- No evictions...if so in the rarest of rare cases, than via a municipalized public process
- Public review the poverty impacts of “Mega-Infrastructure” projects
- Strengthening and Extending public health and basic education via a municipalized system
- More effective PDS and easier processes to obtain “ration cards”
- Replacing Master Planned development with land regularization, recognizing the value of non-residential land use

“Bad Government” constituted by:

- **Urban Renewal (Flyovers, Mega-project re-developments)**
- **Harassment by police and sometimes NGOs too**
- **Evictions**
- **Flooding**
- **Lack of clean drinking water / poor services leading to sickness**
- **Non-resident elite based economic settings (rather than local elite in reciprocal relationships)**
- **Ghettoized uni-income housing (city as enclave development)**
- **Dis-empowered local politicians and increasing “party politics”**
- **Land markets shaped for Master Planning and big business**
- **Reducing / less effective PDS**

Consequences of urban renewal: Excerpts from interviews with hawkers

..prior to the flyover construction and the new market complex, they were earning between **Rs.150 to Rs. 200** and at times, between **Rs. 200 to Rs. 250**. This has **now reduced to Rs.60 to Rs. 80 per day**. Also, the un stability in business is a serious issue. According to one of the hawker leaders:

*"In the past, for an investment of **Rs. 50**, I was able to earn a **profit of Rs.60** after all the expenses. The bribe to the authorities used to be **Rs.2 and 0.50p** respectively for the police and the BCC officials. Now the bribes paid are **Rs.5 per vendor for one shift a day**. Each vendor has to pay for three shifts. This is in addition to the weekly bribes to the Sub inspector. **The police increased the daily commission (Mamul) from Rs 5 to Rs.10** arguing that the shopkeepers are paying rent to the corporation which the foot path vendors do not pay. Also, sales are no longer guaranteed. There are days when I return back home with no income. **Now if I invest Rs.1000, I earn only Rs 150 after two days**".*



In the old market, if a fruit hawker **invested Rs 500** he would get **Rs 100 to Rs. 200** as a net profit.. **Today, with an investment of Rs.500, by 11.30 am earned Rs. 50**. Out of this he paid **Rs.10 to the police and BCC officials**. Later in the day there was a police raid and business got disrupted.

Conceptual issues: Poverty becomes Chronic when systems work against the poor

