

**Seventh Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific**

*“Advancing 3R and Resource Efficiency for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*

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# **City Report**

**(Draft)**

**< Amritsar Municipal Corporation >**

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## Guideline for City Reporting on Major Initiatives/Achievements in 3R areas

The main objective of the City Reporting is to share among international community the progress, achievements and best practices, including various challenges faced, in the areas of **3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)** and sustainable waste management. This would help development agencies, donors, including development banks, in assessing the needs and challenges of cities to better devise their existing as well as future capacity building programmes and operations in the field of 3Rs and sustainable waste management.

It would be appreciated if a consolidated city report could kindly be prepared by answering the following questionnaire and submitted to the **Secretariat of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific** by email to [3R@uncrd.or.jp](mailto:3R@uncrd.or.jp).

Timeline for submission: **15 September 2016**  
Secretariat of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific  
United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)

### City Report [City Name: Amritsar]

**Q 1** What are the roles of local government stipulated in the 3R-related policies, acts, laws, or regulations?

**Ans.**

The functions of Urban Local Bodies are almost governed by the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 where the obligatory as well as discretionary functions of the Municipal Corporation are defined. Keeping in view the stipulation of 3R, the functions of the Municipal Corporation are as under:-

- i) Scavenging, removal and disposal of filth, rubbish and other obnoxious or polluted matters and to utilize the same in a manner so as to recycle these wastages and reuse for the betterment of the citizens.
- ii) The reduce of noxious vegetation and nuisance creating due to certain unhealthy activities by the citizens.
- iii) In order to reduce the nuisance and pollution to regulate the places for the disposal of dead and to make provisions for the same.
- iv) In order to reduce the chances of spreading certain diseases, affecting small children, to do public vaccination and inoculation.
- v) To reduce apprehension of loss to the lives and property of citizens, to remove the dangerous buildings and places for which provisions have been made in the Act *ibid*.
- vi) To recycle and reuse the rain water for increasing the depleting underground water level, to make provisions of rainwater harvesting systems in the Building Plans.

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	vii)	In order to reduce congestion in the streets, to provide parking places. To reduce the loss caused due to fire incidents, to maintain Fire Brigade.
<b>Q 2</b>	<b>Is 3R policy integrated in your city development strategy or master plan?</b> (Please attach photo(s) of your city's waste management if available.)	
<b>Ans.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes => Please share goals/visions/major achievements/important lessons learnt that could be replicated elsewhere. <input type="checkbox"/> No => Please go to Q6 (please also answer Q4, 5, and 7)	
	<p>In order to reduce the nuisances, reuse the wastes of different categories Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has engaged M/s ESSEL Infra, Delhi to implement Solid Waste Handling Rules, 2016. Under this Project, in the first phase, the solid waste from the different parts of the city will be collected and transported to the Dump situated on the outskirts of the city. In the second phase, the Municipal Solid Waste so collected at Dump will be recycled and reused in the optimum manner so as to benefit the citizens in the shape of employment as well as production of energy.</p>	
<b>Q 3.</b>	<b>What are the major challenges and constraints faced by your city in implementing 3R policies and programmes?</b> (Please answer only if your answer to Q2 is "Yes")	
	Financial constrains:	
	Institutional/governance challenges:	
	Policy gaps:	
<b>Ans.</b>	Other challenges such as technical capacity, human resources etc.:	<p>The major challenges faced by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar in implementing the project defined above are the financial constraints. By way of giving certain facilities and relief to the different categories of citizens, the financial health of the local body has considerably decreased. At the same time, due to revision of Pay Scales, the financial burden of the Urban Local Bodies has increased a lot and as such it has become difficult for the Organisation to meet with its day to day expenses with its existing own resources of income. However, strenuous efforts are being made to overcome this grim situation so as to get the Solid Waste Management Project established and to remove the menace of nuisance caused due to garbage daily generated by the citizens.</p>
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<b>Q 4</b>	<b>What programme is in place in your city to support NGOs activities towards promotion of 3Rs?</b>
<b>Ans.</b>	<p>In order to control pollution prevailing in the city, the plantation is being done in different parts of the city with active cooperation of the NGOs. To reduce the pollution caused due to cremation of dead bodies by adopting old method of fuel wood, the LPG run Crematoriums are likely to be set up in the city with the help of NGOs. To reduce spreading of certain diseases, free medical camps are organized by the NGOs with the cooperation of ULB. Besides this, to educate the citizens against social evils, so as to reduce bitterness in the society, periodical camps are organized by the NGOs with active cooperation of the ULB.</p>
<b>Q 5</b>	<b>Is there any collaborative 3R related activity/project/partnerships with cities and organizations at international level?</b>
<b>Ans.</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes =&gt; Please brief the project(s) including objectives, project partners, target, period, budget etc.  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>As mentioned in the answer to the Question No.4 above, the plantation in different parts of the city is done in collaboration with different Organisations functioning in the city for which special drive is launched. Cleanliness Drives are also launched so as to make the slogan of "Swachh Bharat" given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, a great success. Through such cleanliness drives, the garbage, waste material as well as wild grass which is harmful to the health of the citizens is got removed so as to make the atmosphere pollution free. In order to protect the health of citizens, free medical camps are organized periodically where free check-up is done and the medicines are distributed to the patients. Vaccination camps are also organized.</p>
<b>Q 6.</b>	<b>Even if your city doesn't have any dedicated 3R policies/programmes/activities, what future prospects or opportunities does your city have in 3R areas?</b>
<b>Ans.</b>	<p>As mentioned in the replies to above questions, dedicated 3R Policies are being implemented in the city. To recapitulate the same, it may be mentioned here that the Solid Waste Management Project is being established in the city where the Municipal Solid Waste will be recycled and energy generated under the process of recycling. The garbage, waste, will be utilized for the benefit of the citizens. Similarly, by making provisions of Rainwater Harvesting system in the Building Plans, the roof-top rain water will be recycled and reused as it will increase the depleting ground water level.</p>
<b>Q 7.</b>	<b>What type of 3R infrastructure and facilities your city is equipped with? Please tick the appropriate.</b>

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	Type of 3R infrastructure and facilities	Adequate/Significant	Not-Adequate/ Non-significant
<b>Ans.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> waste collection facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> waste segregation facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> waste storage facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> waste processing & treatment facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> resource recovery facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> waste recycling facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> waste to energy facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> eco-industrial zones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> science parks/theme parks relevant to 3R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> others (please specify: )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		In order to control/reduce vehicular traffic in the city, 4.15 Kms. Elevated Road has been got constructed in the city. Similarly, to reduce inconvenience to the citizens, the Railway Over Bridges are being constructed in the city. The roads are being widened and made 4-lanes. It will reduce the traffic congestion as well as accidents to great extent and the general public will be benefited a lot. Keeping in view, the depleting ground water level, the <b>Surface Based Water Supply Project</b> in Amritsar city is likely to be implemented in the city in coming near future.	
Q 8.	<b>Kindly provide the important 3R policies/programmes/projects/master plans that your City Government plants to undertake within next five years (2016-2021)</b>		
<b>Ans.</b>	As mentioned in the earlier answers to the questions, in order to reduce traffic congestion, Elevated Roads, Flyover Bridges, Railway Over Bridges are being constructed. Besides this, a construction of multi-storied parking is also under process. The 4-Lanning of main roads is also being done and in the next five years, more roads will be got widened. In order to recycle and reuse the Solid Waste, Solid Waste Management Project will also be established in the next five years.		
Q 9.	<b>In response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular SDG 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) and SDG 12</b>		

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Ans.	<p><b><i>(Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns)</i>, how is your City planning to advance 3R and resource efficiency related measures?</b></p> <p>For the sustainable development of the city, the ULB cannot introduce new sources for generating revenue at its own level. However, we shall propose levy of some taxes upon the capable categories of the citizens. The revenue so generated will be utilized for the development of the city which will ultimately benefit the general public and they will enjoy certain other facilities. Community Centres and Night Shelters are being constructed so as to provide Shelters to the Homeless Persons. The ULB will implement the Govt. policies whatsoever framed from time to time for the betterment of the citizens.</p>
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Thank you for your kind cooperation.