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Government to hire retired engineers soon

BENGALURU: The Urban Development and Municipal Administration departments are facing a staff shortage of over 60 per cent and this is the main reason for the delay in the works undertaken by the government under various schemes and projects.

The government is now planning to recruit retired engineers to meet this gap.

This issue was discussed at a review meeting called by Chief Minister Siddaramiah with various stakeholders on Wednesday. After the meeting, Municipal Administration Minister Eshwar Khandre told reporters that there is shortage of staff, especially engineering and health department officials.

“We are now planning to recruit retired engineers and engineers from other departments including PWD. We are not able to prepare detailed project reports and call tenders because of staff shortage,” he said.

In city corporations, 5,585 out of 11,342 sanctioned posts are full and in the Municipal Administration Department, there are 21,642 sanctioned posts but it has just 10,147 staff. There is shortage of over 60 per cent in both the departments, he said.

“We have now written to the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) to recruit 1,199 people to city corporations and 2,421 people to the Municipal Administration Department,” he added.