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Requirements of Urinals and Public Toilets.

While noticing regularly the citizens responding to natural calls on public roads and noticing the passers- by women in disturbed state of mind, an application under the R.T.I was sent to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation demanding the important details as to how many public toilets and public urinals are in operation with the exact addresses thereof, the details of the maintenance charges in last 2 years, the policy document of the corporation regarding toilet and urinals, both for men and women. Very surprising and shocking replies were received from different zones. In most of the cases the public toilets/ urinals are away from main roads. Looking to the population of 55.68 lacs of people in the Ahmedabad city, the number of public toilets and urinals are very less. Regarding most of public toilets and urinals, no maintenance charges are spent by the corporation meaning thereby they are not maintained and therefore cannot be used by the general public. Most of the public toilets are constructed in the economical backward classes, residencial complexes and therefore the general public would not use the same. Certain pay and use toilets are constructed and mostly constructed by AUDA for which the contract was entered into with the private contractor. Several public toilets require repairs and therefore it should be presumed that they cannot be used by the general public. In certain zones like Lambha, no public toilet or urinal is existing. Even in big area like Nava vadaj Ward only one public urinal for men and one public urinal for women is available. In Ranip Ward there is no public toilet. In Theltej Ward there is no public toilet or urinal. however 6 public pay and use toilets are available which are very less in number. A detailed survey

requires to be undertaken, calculating the total number of the persons in Ahmedabad, how many public urinals and public toilets should be constructed on/ near main roads and who should take responsibility to check the regular maintenance there of.

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