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**Text of Application**

Please provide information on Act or Rule pertaining to width of Roads in Urban / Municipal Areas. More precisely, I would like to know whether there is any rule or act determining width of the road in municipal area based on population. For example, If the municipal corporation is having population of 1,50,000, the road width should be minimum 9 meters or so. If there is any such classification, please provide the same. Who is the authority in Municipal corporation to decide whether roads to be broaden or not. What is the criteria and minimum requirement for broadening the existing roads. What is the procedure for broaden roads in Municipal areas. How much time does it take once the need is identified. In case the underdeveloped area with narrow roads becomes developing or developed area - what is the criteria and procedure to widen roads. Who is the authorized person to do so. What if roads under municipal corporation area are very narrow and the authority is not taking any action Does a common man have any privilege to make a request to broaden the roads based on increased traffic or change in demography. To whom and how

**Reply of Application**

The width of roads in urban or municipal area mostly depends upon the population / traffic volume served through the road, land availability for the road construction, street furniture such as foot path, electric pole, utility spacing, dustbin, etc., Median, kerb stone and Road plantation. Therefore, there are no rigid rules and acts pertaining to width of the roads. However, guidelines and codes related to width of the roads in urban areas are available. In this regard, Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation And Implementation (URDPFI) Guidelines 2015, prepared by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Government of India may be referred especially Chapter 8.2.2 regarding the Design Consideration of Urban Roads. Also, Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes may be referred in this regard. Widening of existing roads including narrow road in the already developed area depend upon the land availability and acquisition of adjoining land of the existing road. The construction of new roads and widening of existing roads is the policy matter. The applicant may approach the concerned State Government and Urban Local Body (ULB) for any procedure and timeline. Common man can approach representatives of ULB and concerned officials of the State Government and ULBs to make any such requests for road widening. As mentioned in the guidelines for use of this portal, this facility is not available for filing RTI applications for the public authorities under the State Governments, including Government of NCT Delhi. Since your RTI information is meant for a public authority under the State Government, applicant may file the request for specific information before the concerned public authority under the State Government.