ABSTRACT

The present piece of work is to work on the concept of urban local government with special reference to the Power, functions and control of Municipal Corporation of Patiala. The specific objectives of the study are as follow, To trace the evolution of urban local government in India, To examine the structure and function of urban local government and assess its performance relating to civic and development responsibilities, How urban local government is controlled, To analyse the financial position of urban local government in the light of its revenue from all sources and the expenditure pattern in the light of its civic and development needs, To analyse the role of state finance commission and planning committees. The methodology includes combination of descriptive, analytical and empirical methods of research. Both formal and informal sources are also being arranged to elicit more details concerning municipalities and corporations. The available and assessable official records have also been consulted. The Analysis therefore has been made on the basis of the primary and secondary sources. Various acts concerning the municipalities and corporations are critically analysed. These includes the Punjab Municipalities Act, 1911; The Punjab Municipalities Act, 1994; The Punjab Municipal Amendment Act, 1994; 74th Amendment Act, 1992; Statistical Abstracts of District Patiala, Punjab Government's instructions, Reports and Circulars. In addition to these, unpublished official records, resolutions and proceedings of the meeting of Municipal Corporation of Patiala have also been consulted. In this regard Questionnaire has been prepared and views of general public living in cities have been taken, officials of corporation of Patiala were also interviewed. Finally on the basis of questionnaire and interviews a critical analysis regarding the status of urban local government is made and suggestions have been given.