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Chandigarh, January 1:- The Union Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has given its nod to the proposal for the construction of three new gardens--Sunken Garden; Garden of Palms and Garden of Conifers—in Chandigarh. The Engineering Department of the UT Administration which constructs government projects and provides power to the residents of Chandigarh, would soon start work on the project.

Disclosing this here today, Mr Surinder Pall, Chief Engineer, UT Administration said that construction of these gardens would be in addition to the 38-odd projects worth Rs 150 crore the Engineering Department has on hand in 2010. Work on most is apace and some will be completed during the next financial year.

Construction work is in progress on some key projects like new district courts complex (Rs 15 crore); multi-level parking; 16 court rooms and additional building for judges' library in the Punjab and Haryana High Court (Rs 26 crore). Besides, the department is constructing another drug de-addiction centre, a prestigious project of the Chandigarh Administration, in Sector 18 at the cost of Rs 38 lakh. It will be completed by March 31 next year.

Besides, the department is also setting up more than 140 ATC signal junctions in Sectors 23, 24, 36 and 37; in Sectors 20, 30, 32, 33; in Sectors 22, 23, 35, 36 and in Sectors 20, 21, 33, 34.

The Engineering Department has ended 2009 on a positive note, having completed 35 projects worth Rs 111.64 crore. These included construction and extension of government school buildings; widening or recarpeting 130 km-length of roads at the cost of Rs 18 crore; laying of a link road to Mohali between Sector 54 and 55 at the cost of Rs 1 crore; and constructing the road between Sector 39 and 38 (West) at the cost of Rs 4 crore, Mr Surinder Pall said.

Besides, it constructed a new centre for the AIDS Control Society; provided GPS System for police patrolling and CTU and build a working women's hostel. The department has also re-carpeted roads in Chandigarh's villages at the cost of Rs 3 crore.

The department has succeeded in completing some prestigious projects like the State Judicial Academy (Rs 43 crore); EDC Building in IT Park (Rs 10 crore); Regional Centre for Mentally Handicapped (Rs 9.9 crore) last year.