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REPORT CARD ON RTI COMPLIANCE OF 6 METROS

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NOT COMPLYING

- The local public agencies are **not publishing the information** they are obligated to under RTI Act 2005
- 62% of those surveyed provide **no information about their PIOs**, the same number have **no information about their budgets**
- 98% have **no information about subsidies**, and 85% have **no information about licenses or permits** they administer
- **29% is the average rate of compliance** amongst the 33 public authorities surveyed



WHAT IS THE LAW?

- Section 4 of the RTI Act, requires all public authorities to publish detailed information without being requested
- This is the governments **DUTY TO PUBLISH** (DTP) information.
- It is mandatory for all authorities in the Indian government



MEASURING WHAT MATTERS

- **DTP is the cornerstone of the RTI Act 2005**, and holds out the hope of inculcating functional transparency in government.
- Measuring the progress of government departments in complying with this law will help **push them to be more transparent**

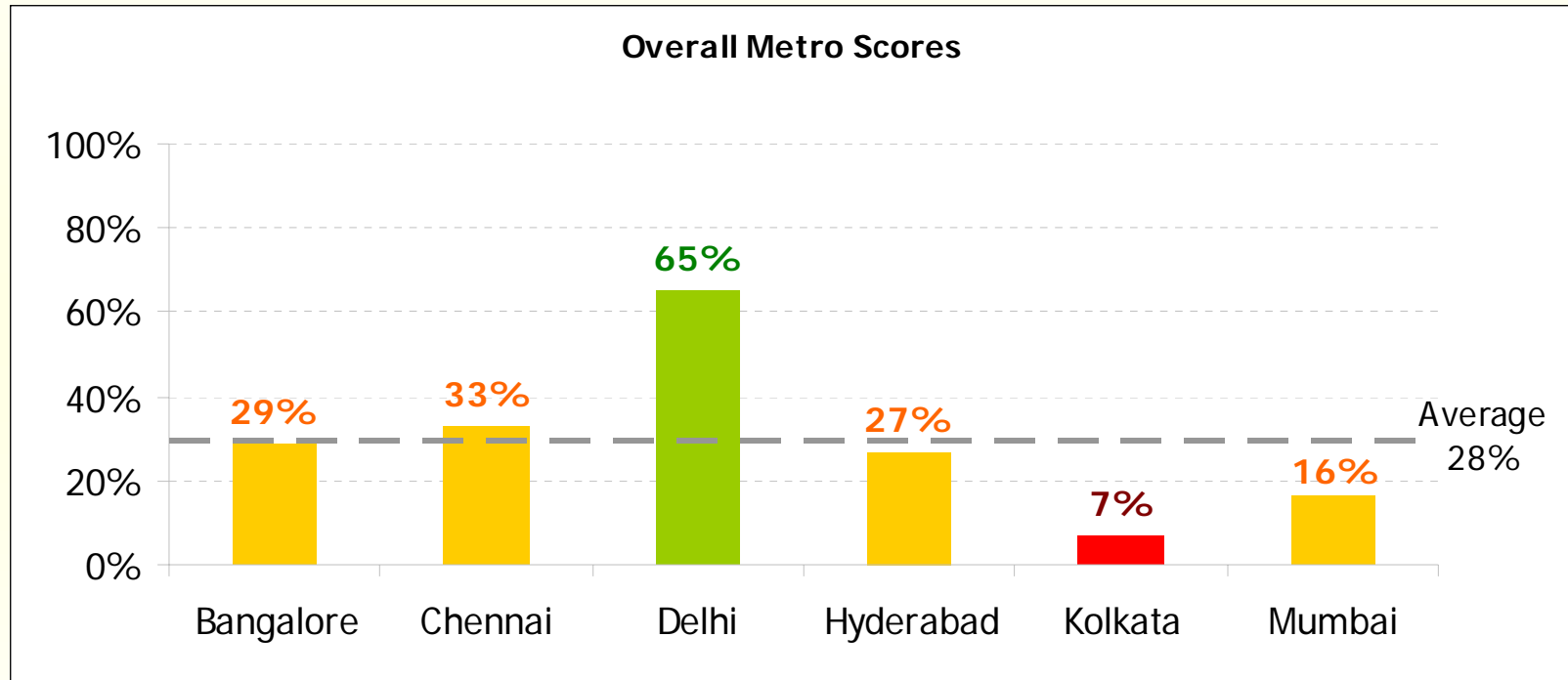


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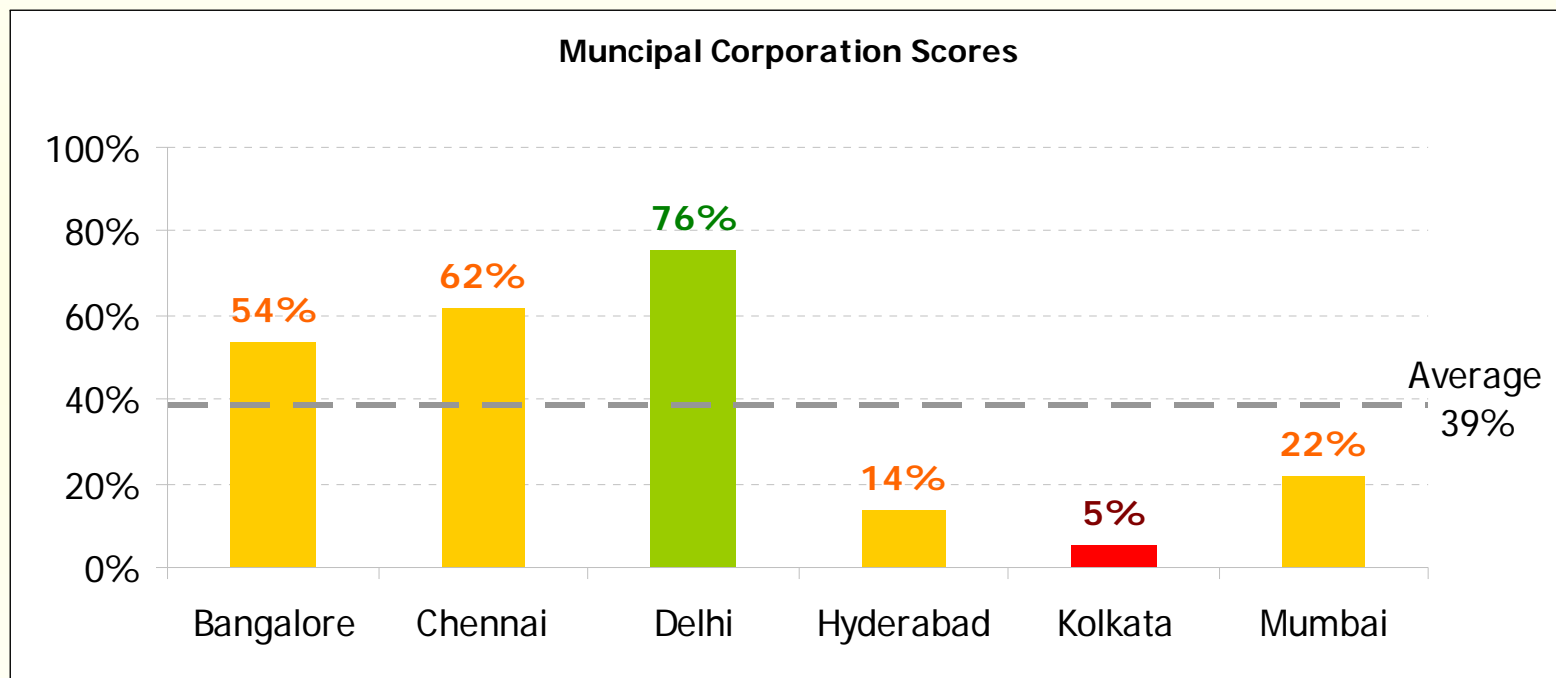
- We divided section 4 into 37 points of compliance
- We assessed agencies providing 5 public services across 6 metros
- 5 public services: *local government, bus transport, public health, sewage and solid waste, and water supply*
- 6 metros: *Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai*



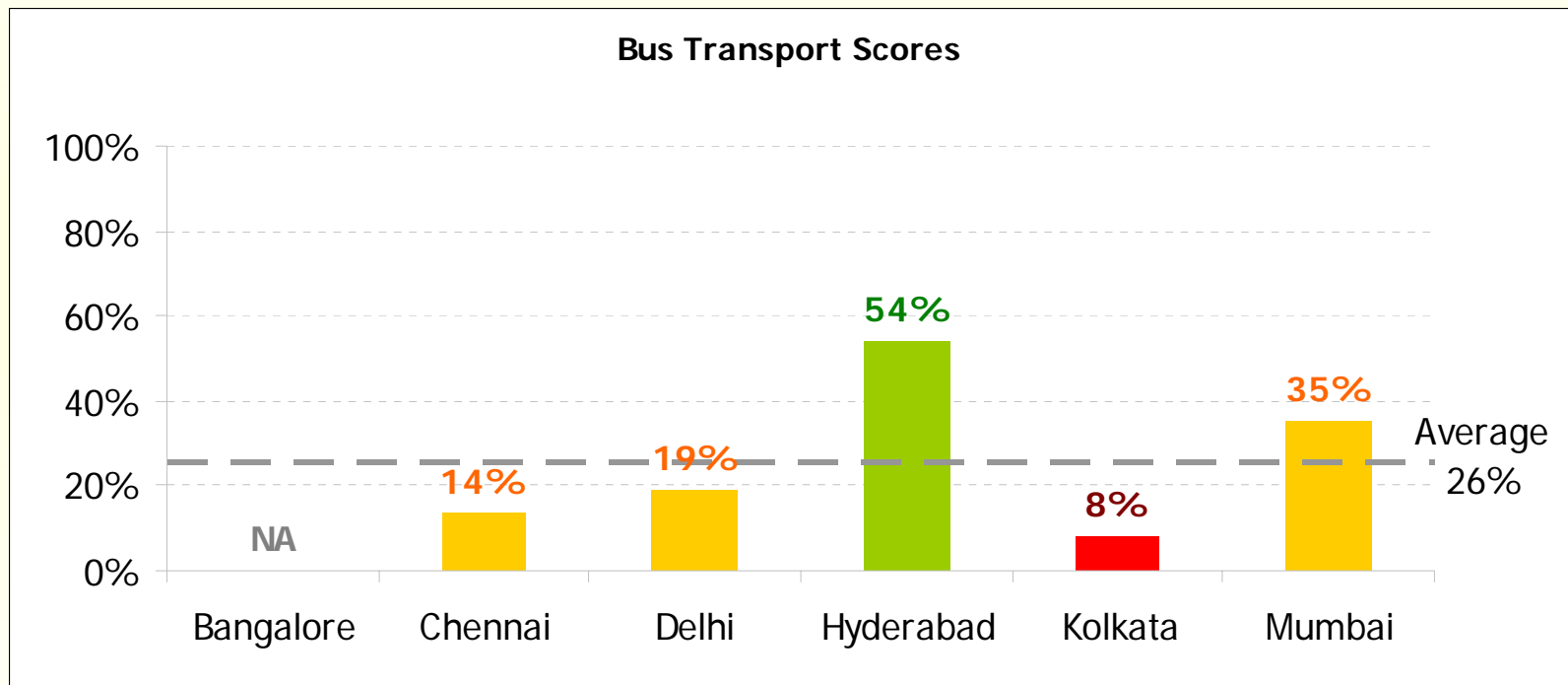
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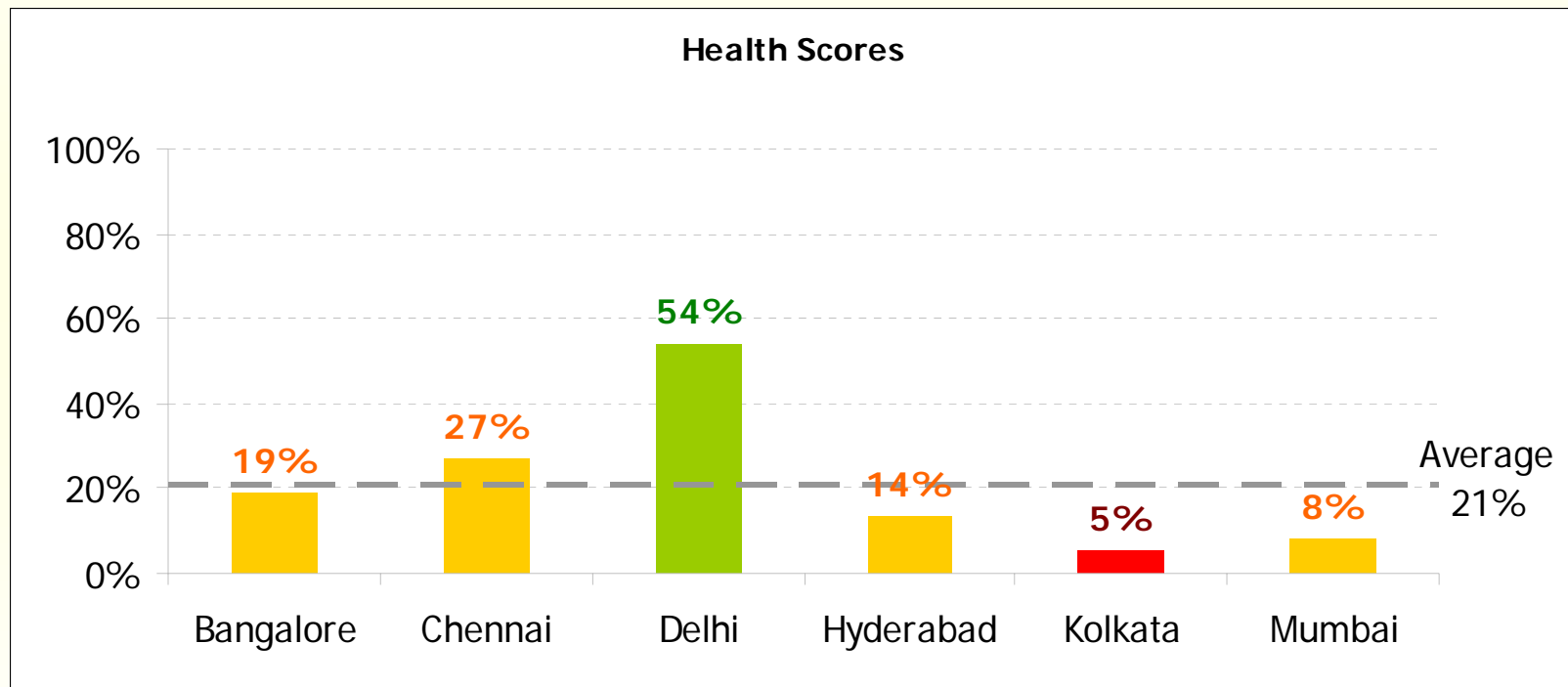
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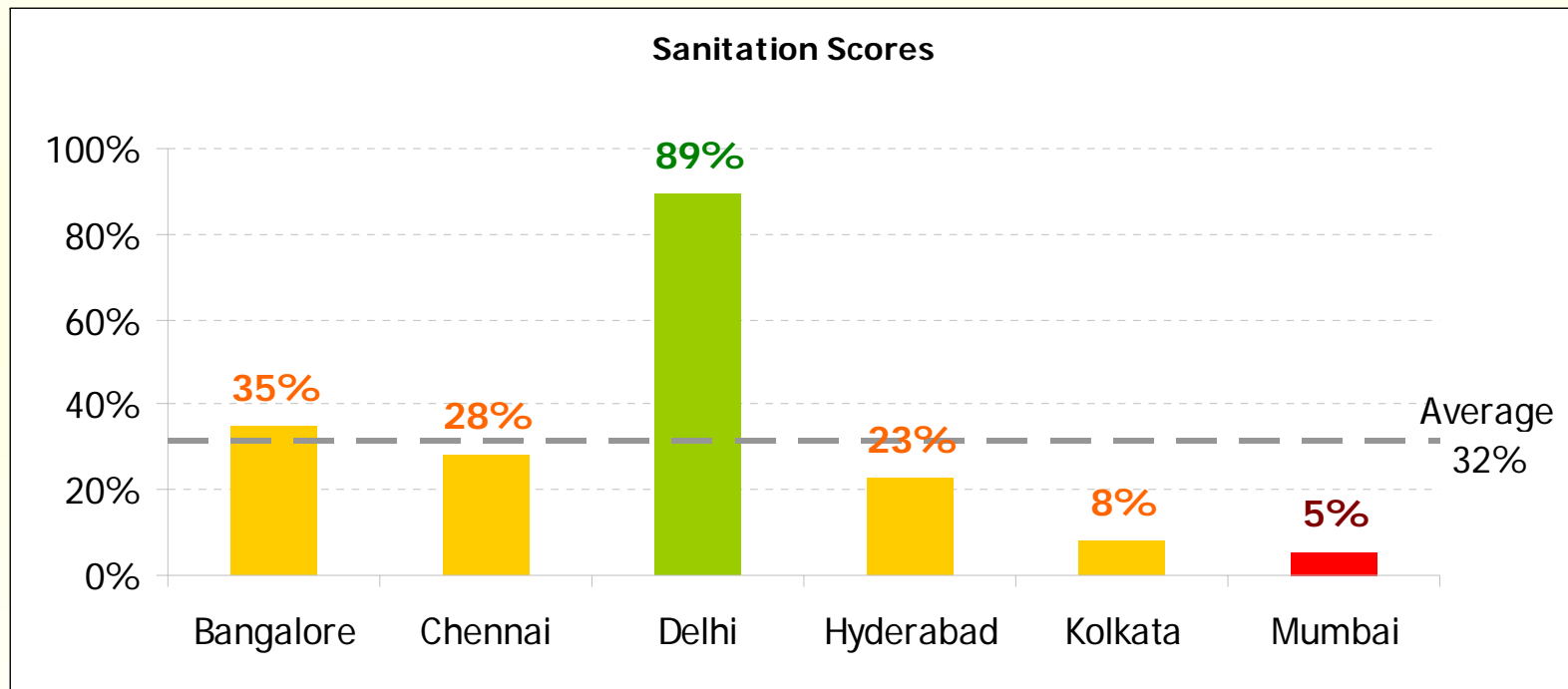
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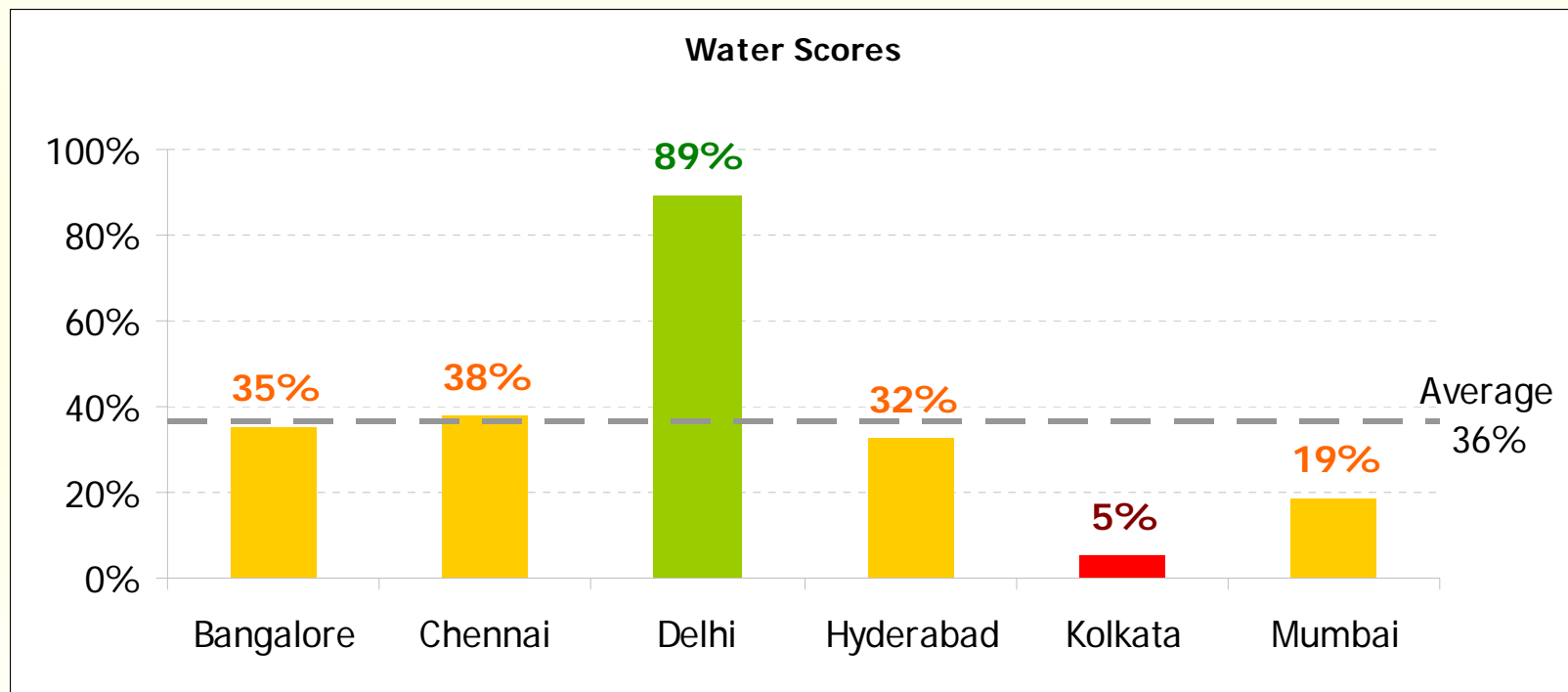
Health Dept. Scores



Solid Waste and Sewage Scores



Water Supply Scores



How can *Delhi* remain *No. 1*?

- DJB (89%) and MCD (76%) are the top two public authorities of those surveyed
- DJB has interpreted section 4(1)(b)(xvii) very broadly in favour of disclosure **but** the information disclosed is mostly useful to its employees
- This is because of the vagueness of Section 4 of the RTI Act 2005



How can *Delhi* remain *No. 1*?

- In order to remain No.1 on this list Delhi should **create a new law** that expands and clarifies section 4 of the RTI Act
- Such a law would reduce the arbitrariness in disclosure, detailing what information **must** be disclosed
- It would **contain incentives (penalties or rewards)** for agencies and officers who disclose the most amount of information





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