

## 'Soon, synchronised traffic lights at signals'

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SOON, Pune might get synchronised traffic lights at signals, according to Pune Police Commissioner Satish Mathur. In a meeting with members of Nagrik Chetna Manch on Wednesday, Mathur said that experts were studying the main roads and soon, the issues would be taken up with the Pune Municipal Corporation.

"Signal timings require synchronisation. The system that exists in Mumbai does not exist here. In Mumbai, they have a dedicated wing for traffic but we lack that both on the police side as well as the corporation side. There is a person called Vishwanath from Mumbai who used to work with me in Mumbai. He has come down to Pune and has already studied eight arterial roads and how to synchronise the signals there. The signal timing is out and we will be revising it soon. We will be taking up all issues with the corporation too," said Mathur.

Talking about the newly constructed flyover between Sangamwadi and Sancheti Hospital, Mathur said that norms were not followed by PMC while building it. "Due to non-compliance with norms, we have not given no-objection certificate to the PMC for the road to be opened for public," said Mathur.

Adding that public groups should intervene more regularly to solve the city's problems, Mathur said, "There are always complaints of traffic after the road or flyover is made. PMC people are elected. It is better to participate at that stage when PMC asks for suggestions and objections before making any structures. Once the structure is built, there is no point. I, also, cannot intervene once work has started."

On the circular from the home ministry on turning the yellow lights at traffic signals into blue lights, Mathur said the Pune Police would not be doing that.