

# HC building permit decision after 2 weeks

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**Pune:** The decision on stopping permissions for new buildings in the city due to poor garbage management has been postponed. The Bombay high court on Wednesday forwarded the matter for two weeks.

In 2014, city-based lawyer Vineet Dhanda had filed a petition regarding the garbage problem in the city. Earlier this month, citizens' group Nagari Chetna Manch filed an intervention plea in the same matter. The petition was heard by the HC bench of Justice A S Oka and Justice

Vijay Achliya on Wednesday. During its Monday hearing, the court had directed the civic administration to submit an affidavit and warned that if they failed to do so, the court might order the PMC to stop issuing permits for new building.

"We submitted the affidavit in the court on Wednesday. It also highlighted details of the PMC's work in tackling the garbage problem. The next hearing will take place after two weeks. The court has given

time to the civic body as well as the petitioner to give additional details about their claims," said PMC's legal adviser Abhijit Kulkarni.

As per PMC's data, Pune generates nearly 1,600 metric tonne (MT) garbage every day. Of that, nearly 250 MT is wet garbage and 850 MT dry, while 500 MT is mixed garbage. With the increase in population, the quantity of garbage is also increasing. Processing this garbage has become difficult due to the lack of dumping sites in the city. At

present, the city's garbage is sent to the processing plant in Phursungi-Uruli. Plants have been set up in Hadapsar too for disposal of plastic bags.

The city has around 7.5 lakh properties, including commercial, residential and open spaces. The PMC gives over 4,500 new building permissions every year. It is one of the major sources of income for the corporation. The civic administration generates around Rs 600 crore annually from these permissions and development charges sought for construc-



## PMC gets HC relief over garbage issue

### Civic body has two weeks to implement better management

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**T**he Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has got a two-week respite from the Bombay High Court (HC) on the latter's order regarding garbage in the city.

PMC has declared building construction to be one of the most important sources of revenue generation, especially given its financial woes since octroi and Local Body Tax were abolished. In April, the HC had asked the Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) to stop issuing building permission till its garbage problem was solved. The court has hinted that PMC may be given the same treatment.

According to HC orders, OMC submitted an affidavit on the garbage issue on Monday, expressing serious concern in case development activities were stopped. The civic body also assured that it would comply with an earlier order, given by justices A M Khanwilkar and A P Bhargale in 2013, about the implementation of Solid Waste Disposal Rules, 2000.

"Various development activities, including the expenditure for waste management and its disposal are incurred from the income received by the corporation by way of development funds. If this court issues an order resulting in the loss of this income, the corporation will not be able to carry out obligations, including handling and disposal of waste," the affidavit stated.

Advocate Abhijit Kulkarni, representing PMC in the court, said, "The corporation has assured the court the Khanwilkar order will be abided by and requested time to implement it."

Last week, SCN Jathar, founder of



Garbage continues to pile up in the city

Nagri Chetana Manch, intervened in Vineet Dhanda's original writ petition.

Advocate Tosif Shaik, representing Dhanda in the petition, said, "We will submit before the bench that PMC officials are trying to distort facts. Garbage disposal should be a priority and they are trying to divert the attention of the court by making excuses."

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