

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

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Sub: Formation of 'Unauthorized Pandals Detection Teams.'

Ref: Orders of Hon.'ble High Court dt.10,11,12 and 16th August 2016
in PIL No. 173 of 2010.

In above referred PIL, Hon.'ble High Court has given directions in para 94(xiv) as follows.

"We direct the District Collectors of all the Districts in the State to constitute a team of Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tahsildars for each Municipal Corporation area. The members of the team shall regularly visit the areas within the limits of the Municipal Corporation for a period of 7 days before the date of commencement of the major religious festivals and during the festivals to ascertain whether any temporary booths/structures have been erected on public streets and foot-paths/ footways without obtaining permission of the Municipal Commissioners. Any such structure which does not display the permission and material details thereof shall be deemed to be illegal. The members of the team shall be under an obligation to immediately bring to the notice of the concerned Municipal officers / designated officers, the temporary booths erected on streets and foot-paths or footways without obtaining permission of the Commissioners or in breach of the conditions in permissions. The Municipal Authorities shall forthwith take action of removal on the basis of such information. Even the Municipal Corporations shall constitute a team of officers who will carry out the same task which is entrusted to the Revenue Officers as above. These directions shall be implemented immediately."

As per the above directions, all Asstt. Commissioners of wards are required to take suitable actions on the reports received from revenue officers' team and report of the same should be posted on website regarding action taken.

(2) All Asstt. Commissioners of wards are directed to issue order urgently constituting 'Unauthorized Pandals Detection Team' headed by concerned ward Ex.Engineers. A.E.(B&F) & A.E.(SWM) of the concerned wards will be the members of the team. This team will have to obey the orders of above PIL i.e. for each and every festival during the year, before 7 days of the festival and during the festival, team should visit entire ward area and detect the unauthorized pandals/ mandaps on roads, footpaths, RG/PG and other public areas. This team will immediately inform concerned A.E.(Maint.) of the ward to demolish the

unauthorized pandals and also give the report to Asstt. Commissioner of the ward. As per para 94(Xii), "any booth or pandal which does not display such permission shall be demolished / removed." This team has to ensure that all unauthorized booths/pandals etc. at public places are detected and it should be removed by A.E.(Maint.) of the ward. Asstt. Commissioner of the ward should monitor this activity on daily basis before and during every festival.

Sd/-19.1.17
D.M.C.(Z-II)

Sd/-20.1.17
A.M.C.(E.S.)

Sd/-25.1.17
Municipal Commissioner

Copy to : Asstt. Commissioner - A to T Ward

Copy to: D.M.C. (Z- I, III, IV, V, VI, VII)

Please ensure that the orders of formation of teams are released immediately.

(Signature)
30/1/17
A.O. to DMC(Z-II)

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