

PMC under fire over construction in Mutha river's prohibited area

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AFTER COMING under fire for chopping down trees in city for infrastructure projects, the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has now come under the scanner for allowing construction within the Blue Flood Line zone of the Mutha river.

In a letter dated May 8, the Khadakwasla Irrigation division wrote a letter to PMC saying that within the jurisdiction of PMC, "on both banks of Mutha River from NH-4 bypass to Rajaram Bridge, illegal structures are built...inside Blue Flood Line on prohibitive zone. The water resources department has communicated many times to PMC to remove such structures." Around 25 people have taken up the issue with the PMC saying they have found that "a real estate project has been built inside Blue Flood Line on Prohibitive Zone." They demanded the PMC to immediately revoke the building permit issued to the structure as it is < illegal.

The group pointed out that the Development Plan road which provides access to this building

PCMC CHIEF ON LEAVE, PMC CHIEF TO FILL IN

Commissioner of Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal (PCMC) Shekhar Singh has gone on a week's leave. Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) commissioner Vikram Kumar will hold temporary charge in his absence. "Besides, two additional commissioners will look after the daily affairs of the civic body," the PCMC chief said.

has been directed to be removed by the National Green Tribunal, an order which was subsequently confirmed by the Supreme Court.

City engineer Prashant Waghmare said the PMC has received two letters from the Irrigation Department defining the Blue Flood Line of Mutha river and it has now sought clarification from the Irrigation Department on them. "PMC has given permission for construction of building based on the Irrigation department's communication defining the Blue Flood Line of Mutha river," he said.