

The Indian Express 11.04.2013

Need for water purifiers in all civic schools, say corporators

A PROPOSAL to fit water purifiers in BMC schools was discussed by corporators at the civic body's standing committee meeting on Wednesday. Dilip Patel of BJP, who mooted the idea, said 2,290 water purifiers should be purchased and fitted across BMC schools in the city. Patel also said funds should be allocated for the project.

"Clean water in schools is a basic requirement. The BMC should approach corporates and NGOs to sponsor the project," said Patel. "It is essential that quality purifiers should be fitted so that after a few months they are found lying defunct," he added.

The proposal is, however, at the nascent stage of discussion and is yet to be accepted by the standing committee. "The logistical details of the proposal need to be analysed further. There has to be technical assessment of such a project before it can be implemented," said leader of the house, Yashodhar Phanse.

In a survey of civic schools last year, it was found that while all schools had drinking water, there were no water purifiers in 55 per cent of them.