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PCMC to increase fine for regularising water connections

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PUNE: The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) has decided to increase in the fine charged for regularising unauthorised water connections during its drive to increase water tax revenue and recover the cost of supplying water to residents.

The water supply department has started a drive to regularise these water connections. It has appealed to residents to contact the zonal offices concerned immediately to regularise their water connections before August 30 by paying Rs 1,500 as fine.

A statement issued by the PCMC said that the fine will be doubled to Rs 3,000 in order to regularise half-inch residential water connections from September 1 onwards. The fine for regularising residential and commercial connections of other sizes will also be doubled. The PCMC will charge four times the fine for regularising water connections from October 1 onwards. The time frame for availing of this opportunity will be announced later, the statement said.

The period for regularising the water connections by paying four times the fine will be less. The PCMC will take strict action

against those with unauthorised water connections after the expiry of the period, which is to be fixed later, the statement said.

It may be noted that the water supply department conducted a survey of all the water connections in the municipal limits on July 26 and 27 to identify unauthorised water connections. The survey revealed that around 2,500 residential and 400 commercial connections were unauthorised.