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GHMC decides to start construction of hall

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July 30: In the wake of the AP High Court's stay on GHMC polls, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has decided to speed up the construction of the new council hall.

The civic body has invited expression of interest from national and international agencies to execute the Rs 50 crore project envisaging the construction of a 12-storey complex on a three-acre site at Lower Tank Bund.

Though the construction of the new council hall will take at least two years, the officials said: "Sooner or later, a new council hall is required. We are going ahead with the project. If the elections are conducted earlier and new elected body comes into office, general body meetings will be conducted at an alternative location until the new building is constructed."

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was looking out for a hall to conduct general body meetings. Currently, the corporation does not

have space to house the new MPs, MLCs, MLAs and corporators.

The existing council hall at the corporation head office has room for only 100 persons while the new elected body of GHMC after ensuing elections will comprise 150 corporators, 50 MLAs, MPs, MLCs and co-opted members, 100 officials, 100 mediapersons among others, all swelling up to 400.