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## **Sector 17 to get new parking lot**

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation plans to construct a new parking lot in Sector 17, stretching from the MC office to Hotel Shivalikview. To be built at a cost of Rs 34 lakh, the agenda for the parking lot would be taken up for discussion in the meeting of the Finance and Contract Committee to be held later this month.

The idea for the parking lot was mooted as the the lot inside the civic body premises is often packed with vehicles, leaving little space for the MC staff. It has been observed that visitors to Sector 17 park inside the MC premises to avoid parking fee.

A number of councillors have complained that every time they come to the MC office for the House Meet, they find it hard to find a place to park their vehicles.

An official of the MC said the new parking would be on the lines of the lot built on the stretch from the UT Secretariat to the Education department office in Sector 9.

Meanwhile, the estimates for the first community parking lot to be

started in Sector 19 have also been prepared. A surface parking would be started in the area to provide parking space for the residents.

As the lot would be in residential area, residents may be asked to help with its upkeep. No guidelines for this have, however, been finalised. The MC had earlier decided to set up another community parking lot in Sector 45, but the idea was later dropped.