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PUNE: A detailed plan for maintenance and improvement of water treatment plants in the city has been worked out by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC).

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, municipal commissioner Mahesh Zagade said, "A plan, worth Rs 9-10 crore will be implemented in phases as per the priorities. Works like construction of protection walls, maintenance of water works, security and the [rehabilitation](#) of slums which have popped up in areas of the water works are some of the focal points."

He added that compound wall work has already begun at the Parvati water works. "The city has 47 big drinking water tanks. We plan to appoint a special officer for each tank who will be responsible for the maintenance, distribution and other issues related to water in that particular area," said Zagade.

Last week a Shiv Sena delegation had submitted a memorandum to the municipal commissioner to take action against civic officers responsible for the filthy conditions at the Parvati water works.

The delegation, under the [leadership](#) of MLA Arvind Sawant, the Sena's Pune district liaison chief, submitted a memorandum to the municipal commissioner stating, "The surroundings of the Parvati water works is filthy. Drinking water supply to the city is provided from this water works and there is every chance of the water getting contaminated due to the filthy surroundings. There

is no security at the water works."

Mayor Rajlaxmi Bhosale said that the PMC will have a comprehensive plan for water treatment plants in place in next few days. "We should look at this from the long-term point of view. Things will not improve within a day and the PMC will put in efforts so that the measures taken to secure safe drinking water remain for a long time."