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### **Provide shelter to 8 homeless women: HC to Thane civic body**

The Bombay High Court has asked the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) to provide temporary accommodation to eight women who were rendered homeless after the civic body razed their hutments at the Sainath Nagar slums in Kalwa on October 6. A specially constituted bench on Sunday asked the TMC to

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Advocate Matthew Nedumpara, who is representing the women, said justice DY Chandrachud spoke to him on Sunday and told him about the directions given to the TMC.

AL Jarhad, Thane district collector, confirmed the development. He said: "We will provide them temporary accommodation at Shanti Sadan Shashkiya Mahila Hostel at Ulhasnagar."

Nedumpara said 270 people were affected by the demolition and they may also approach the court for relief.

One of the petitioners, Anita Wakde, had delivered a baby a few days ago, while another petitioner had lost her minor child. They had no place to live and the high court order allowing demolition of their homes had left them shattered," said Nedumpara.

The high court had constituted a special bench on October 9 after the group of women attempted to stage a dharna at the residence of the Chief Justice. They were stopped by the Malabar Hill police.