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All-women's vegetable market may soon come to PCMC

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PUNE: The Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) will soon take a decision on a proposal to construct a vegetable market exclusively for female vendors in Nigdi Gaothan ward.

Estimated to cost Rs 99.50 lakh, the vegetable market could be the first one of its kind to be constructed in the PCMC limits.

A proposal for the construction of the market building had first been mooted by the PCMC's women and child welfare committee a few months back. The building is set to be constructed on an open plot near scheme 10 of ward number 48 in Nigdi Gaothan.

An official in the engineering department of Zone A, PCMC, said that the triangular plot, admeasuring 3,182 sq ft, has been handed over to the corporation by the Pimpri-Chinchwad New Township Development Authority (PCNTDA). Parking space will be provided on the plot's backside, while five shops will be constructed facing the road. Two multipurpose halls will be constructed on the first and second floors of the building.

Speaking to TOI, Sahebrao Gaikwad, assistant commissioner and in-charge of women and child welfare department, PCMC,

said, "The proposal for vegetable market has come from corporators. The municipal commissioner will take the decision to implemented the proposal after it is approved by the civic general body."

Subhash Machare, assistant commissioner and chief of land records department, PCMC, said, "The PCMC has constructed many vegetable markets in the municipal limits. We keep some galas (shops) reserved for the backward classes, economically-weaker sections or women. The engineering department constructs vegetable markets and hands it over to our department. We then invite applications and allot the shops on rental basis. We do not know of any plan to construct the vegetable market in Nigdi."