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## Praja Basis's report card: General efficiency of BMC corporators dips to 55.7% in 2019-20

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The general efficiency of the town's elected representatives dropped over the earlier yr, in accordance with Praja Basis's report card for 2020 on municipal councillors launched on Tuesday. The general efficiency of 220 corporators went down from 60.2 per cent in

2018-19 to 55.7 per cent in 2019-20.

The report judges the corporators' efficiency within the Brihanmumbai Municipal Company (BMC) each monetary yr. This yr's report was from April 2019 to March 2020, earlier than the Covid19-related restrictions shut down the company's political actions.

The report card contains all corporators besides the mayor. This yr, out of the 227 elected representatives, the report card has ranked 220 corporators, excluding present Mayor Kishori Pednekar, Vishwanath Mahadeshwar, who was holding the publish of Mayor until November 2019 and 5 others who had been suspended or died in the course of the evaluation yr.

The corporators are judged on their training qualification, attendance within the basic physique assembly and committee conferences, the variety of questions they requested, the significance of and high quality of questions, and their utilization of space improvement fund and legal document.

There are 13 committees, the place the elected representatives can elevate points associated to providers like roads, drainage, water provide and likewise topics circuitously underneath the purview of the BMC like crime, agriculture amongst others. Out of the 13 committees, basic physique assembly is the one which has all of the 227 corporators as members and is scheduled each month.

The standing committee, which has 27 corporators as members and approves and allocates funds required for varied tasks, is held each week.

The report discovered that the questions raised by the corporators within the varied committees weren't in keeping with the complaints raised by residents. A complete of two,270 questions had been requested by the corporators in all of the 13 committee conferences together with basic physique. Out of the two,270 queries, solely 63 had been associated to drainage points. Nonetheless, the best variety of complaints by residents registered with the civic physique by helpline quantity, letters, e mail was about drainage points at 23,780.

In all, 326 questions raised by the corporators had been associated to street repairs, potholes, lacking hyperlinks, whereas renaming of roads, visitors junctions, railway stations had been the second most necessary challenge raised by the corporators at 253. "90 per cent councillors (199) scored lower than 50 per cent when complaints made by residents had been correlated to the questions raised by councillors in 2019-20," acknowledged the report.

"The standard of questions raised by councillors has additionally been poor, solely 12% of whole 2,270 questions in 2019-20 had been raised on water, sanitation and strong waste administration, whereas 7% had been raised on well being. This highlights poorly the deliberative focus of councillors on points that almost all have an effect on residents", mentioned Milind Mhaske, Director, Praja Basis.

The report card discovered councillors' attendance lowest on this yr's report in comparison with all three of this time period (2017-2022). The typical rating for attendance has fallen to 72.6% in 2020 from 80.7% in 2018 and 77.6% in 2019. The report additionally discovered that three corporators haven't requested a single query of their present time period i.e. since 2017.

Whereas the corporators within the civic physique have welcomed the report card, up to now BMC has accused the inspiration of distortion of info. "Praja is doing a wonderful job in coaching in addition to watching the efficiency of the corporators within the civic physique. The report card is holding the political occasion and corporators accountable," mentioned Ravi Raja, Congress corporator and opposition chief within the BMC.

Praja Basis is working within the area of accountability in governance. Since 2011, it has carried out coaching programmes for the councillors — on how you can ask questions relating to BMC's functioning, on how budgets are made and the way funds are allotted to corporators. The inspiration has introduced out elected representatives' report card since 2011 ranging from Mumbai and since then has revealed 22 studies in Mumbai and Delhi.

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