

Corporators made little effort to improve facilities between 2017-18 to 2020-21, according to a survey by the Praja Foundation. Despite promises made to tackle issues relating to potholes, water supply, hawkers, and so on, negotiations on them have failed.

Though political parties made many promises in the lead up to the 2017 BMC polls, such as 24-hour water supply, pothole-free roads, garbage management, and the promotion of the hawkers campaign in their manifesto, analysis of data from the BMC shows that corporators made little effort to improve the facilities between 2017-18 to 2020-21. Despite this, corporators asked only minimal questions about the provision of services at various BMC committee meetings in 2017. 17908 complaints regarding potholes were filed between 2017-18 and 2020-21. However, corporators answered only 2% of the time on the subject on an average. In its manifesto, the court declared a pothole-free Mumbai.

Nevertheless, corporators responded to only 6 percent of the total questions asked. In their manifesto, the BJP, the second largest party in the BMC, had provided 24-hour water supply. According to the study, 204 of the 290 zones in the city were watered for up to four hours in 2020. All the parties promised to improve garbage handling at the ward level, according to the survey, but BMC received 54,029 complaints on the subject, of which 40% were for non-collecting trash.

According to the report, corporators raised 8,934 questions between 2017-18 and 2020-21, out of which 14 percent concern naming and renaming of roads, chowks, and buildings, among other things. The survey also highlights the importance of reminding councillors of pledges made in the manifesto before the elections when debating their terms. Despite promises made to tackle issues relating to potholes, water supply, hawkers, and so on, negotiations on them have failed. According to Milind Mhaske, Director of the Praja Foundation, the overall percentage of questions asked by major political parties on issues related to potholes was just 2%.

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