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**BMC CLOSURE ORDER TO 44 COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ON MITHI RIVER BANK**

Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai issued closure orders to 44 commercial establishments polluting Mithi river. S, K-East, L and H-East Ward Offices have issued notices to 812 such establishments. Hearing process is going on. Notices have been issued by the BMC as per the Order given by Mumbai High Court on Dr. Kirit Somaiya's Petition during the hearing on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. BMC was supposed to complete the work by 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Out of 812 notices, hearing of 263 have been completed till now. Of these, orders have been issued only for 44 establishments. Orders have been issued for closure. All these establishments are throwing their waste in the Mithi Nadi. Orders for remaining 219 will be issued next week. BMC is expected to complete the hearing process of 812 by the end of next week.

Most of these commercial establishments are bhangarwalas, lubricant oil mixing business, raddi waste dealers, garages, mechanical workshop, etc. Most of them have not obtained licences, encroaching the Mithi river and polluting the same. It is observed that BMC's work is quite slow.

Mithi Nadi flows through four Municipal Wards. Details of action taken by various Wards are :

Ward	Notice issued	Hearing completed	Order issued
S (Bhandup)	47	10	-
K-East (Marol)	29	29	29
L (Kurla)	591	194	-
H-East (CST Road)	145	30	15

High Court has issued directives to BMC and State Pollution Control Board to take necessary action against commercial/industrial establishments polluting Mithi river. Both were supposed to complete the action by 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. They were required to submit Action Taken Report by 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. Hearing of the case, which was scheduled on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept., has been postponed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. at the request of Government Pleader.

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