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## Mayor demands report on dump yard sites in a week

NAGPUR: Continuing efforts to solve the problem of high pollution at Bhandewadi dumping yard, mayor Anil Sole has directed officials of [Nagpur Municipal Corporation](#) (NMC) to inspect proposed sites for dump yards in the metro region and submit a report within a week. Meanwhile, East Nagpur MLA and BJP city president [Krishna Khopde](#) is upset over NMC's plan to continue the existing dumping yard at Bhandewadi for the next 10 years at least.

To shift the city's only dumping yard at Bhandewadi, NMC requires at least 600 acres land outside the city limits, that too in five different locations. [Nagpur Improvement Trust](#) (NIT), which is the planning authority for metro region, has identified six sites for dump yards in the metro region, which is being planned. NIT chairman [Praveen Darade](#) had in a meeting on July 13 asked NIT officials to form a committee including officials from NIT, NMC, MPCB and Neeri, to inspect the sites for feasibility and technical

examination. But the matter has been pending since then.

Khopde, who has probably set a target to shift the Bhandewadi dumping yard out of the city before 2014 Assembly elections, requested Sole to continue pressing for the new sites. Sole held a meeting with NMC officials on Friday and asked them to form the committee, inspect the sites and submit a report within a week.

Sources in NMC told TOI that Sole asked officiating municipal commissioner and collector [Saurabh Rao](#) to take special interest in the issue. "Rao assured to form the committee and convene a meeting in couple of days. The NMC officials, though, are stressing on the inability to shift the dumping yard for at least 10 years considering the life of garbage treatment plant and two new landfill sites developed at the dumping yard," said sources.

Khopde told TOI the dumping yard will have to shift after developing the new sites in metro region. "Whatever the situation at Bhandewadi dumping yard, the NMC cannot play with the lives of citizens residing near the dumping yard," he said.

A senior NMC official said NMC had directed the private agency which operates and maintains the garbage treatment plant to comply from August 1 with the recommendations submitted by Neeri.