

Pvt Agency To Help BBMP

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Bengaluru: The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to take a private agency's help in conducting surveys and assessing properties, and a pilot project will be taken up in Mahadevapura zone, Chief Minister Siddaramiah said.

Speaking to reporters after conducting a review meeting with BBMP officials on Monday, Siddaramaiah said he had conducted a similar review meeting and increased the property tax collection target from ₹2,500 crore to ₹2,900 crore some months ago.

The officials were only able to collect ₹1,575 crore in 2014-15 as against ₹1,323 crore in 2013-14. The BBMP officials have now identified

16.36 lakh properties and has the potential to collect ₹4,000 crore from them, he said.

The Chief Minister said he has directed the BBMP Com-

The civic body will take the assistance of a private agency to conduct surveys and assess properties

missioner to take up a pilot project on property assessment in Mahadevapura zone as the officials could not get the actual details of property assessment.

Flexes to be Banned Soon

Soon, there could be no flexes, banners or buntings in

the city, and later across the state.

Siddaramaiah, speaking to reporters after conducting a review meeting with BBMP officials on Monday, said illegal flexes, banners and other boards were a menace. "The High Court as well as Lokayukta had objected to the same. Even B.PAC has done so recently. We have decided to completely ban these boards. Only advertisement hoardings which have sought permission from the BBMP can be used," he said. A notification in this regard will be issued soon, he said.

The CM said he has directed BBMP to take action not just against those who put up such hoardings, but against those who print them as well.

"No one should use my photograph too," he said.