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SMC urges Forest Dept to curb dumping of debris

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Taking cognisance of illegal dumping of debris in many areas of the town, the Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) has appealed to officials of the Forest Department to constitute a flying squad to take action against the offenders. The flying squad will keep an eye on the practice besides imposing fine on the guilty. The corporation had written a letter to the Forest Department over the matter recently.

SMC Mayor Surinder Chauhan said it had come to their notice that the debris was being illegally dumped in many areas of the town. "Several people are dumping the debris on roadsides and nearby jungles. Due to this, heaps of debris can be seen in many areas of the town which is causing problems to the residents," he said.

The Mayor said the practice not only marred the beauty of the town but also contaminated the environment.

"Such offenders need to be punished. Therefore, the corporation has asked the Forest Department to constitute a flying squad as soon as possible. It is the Forest Department that takes action against such offenders," he said.

The matter came to light when the Mayor visited Kanglog ward recently and the locals complained of debris being dumped illegally. The matter of debris dumping in the Boileauganj area was also raised by Summer Hill Councillor Vikram Thakur.

Apart from this, the councillors have also demanded the corporation to fine those who litter in the open. The matter of littering was also raised in the monthly meeting of the corporation. During the meeting, the councillors expressed concern that littering in open spaces was being done in many areas of the town. They had suggested that the offenders should be fined.

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