

Litigation Management software developed by ABM Knowledgeware letting BMC to track 60000 cases in an easy manner (30-7-17)

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BMC tracks counsels, to fire those below par

The civic body is using a software to keep track of its 60,000 court cases

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has started tracking the performance of the counsels it hires for various litigations from magistrate court to supreme court. The civic body will discontinue the service of such counsels whose performance is found to be below par.

At present, the civic body is fighting around 60,000 cases in various courts. For the last four months, the civic body has been using Litigation Management Software (LMS) to track the cases it is fighting in any court in the state or outside.

According to an official, the counsels' performances will be monitored through the number of adjourn to dates. "We found that counsels kept running the case for years by getting new dates, and continued to charge for each appearance in court," said the official.

Owing to the number, it is difficult for each case to be monitored manually. With the new software, BMC can check each case's status as well as the performance of the counsels. "The software has been designed in a way that after a certain number of adjourn to dates, it will send an alert," said the official from the legal department.

The civic body has been scanning all the important documents to upload for easy access. "We



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started with the current cases and have already updated documents related to various cases up to 2011," said the official.

Each day's progress of every case is being updated in the record as well. "This is so that by just one click we can get all the details," said the official. The civic body will also monitor the cost on each case. "At present, the process of estimation of cost of each case is very tedious and time consuming," said the official.

KEEPING A TRACK

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