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Public toilets in Vadodara won't raise a stink any more

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VADODARA: The Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) has decided to build electronic public toilets or e-toilets across the city. The facility will be provided on a public-private partnership mode at nearly 200 locations across the city.

The city badly lacks toilets at public places and only a handful of them operated by NGOs are available at select locations. Barring some of these, the conditions of others are such that most may want to avoid using them.

In sheer contrast, the e-toilet will not need any people to clean or man them. Prefabricated structures made from stainless steel, these toilets will have automatic systems for access, flushing and even cleaning their floors. The VMC has invited bids for the toilets and the deadline for the same has been set for October 18.

As per the arrangement, VMC will be providing space for the e-toilets and water as well as drainage connections. The agreement between the person taking the contract and the VMC will last for a period of ten years following which the toilets shall become a property of the civic body.

The toilets will be pay and use in nature and will be unmanned. Citizens will have to insert a coin to access them.

VMC executive engineer (special projects) Dhiren Talpada said that the contractor will get revenue from the charges collected for using the toilets as well as the advertising rights.

The facilities will also provide sanitary napkins for women through a vending system. The toilets will also have a system in place to dispose the pads in a scientific manner. The toilets will be designed in such a way that they use minimum water and are eco-friendly. Energy consumption in the toilets will also be minimal.