

2.6 LAKH KILLED AND COUNTING, OUTSOURCING ON THE ANVIL

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Mumbai: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) killed 2.6 lakh rats in the financial year 2014-15.

The BMC set targets to its 154 trained staffers that each of them should kill at least 30 rats every day. Each of these special staff was given a monthly salary of Rs. 5,000.

However, there is no such mechanism of staffers, targets or payment when it comes to the outskirts of Mumbai. Several corporators and residents of colonies in the outskirts started flooding the BMC with complaints about the increasing menace about rodents. To address the problem and overcome the rat menace, the BMC decided to outsource the killing operation, additional municipal commissioner Sanjay Deshmukh said. Tenders will be invited soon and "contracts" will be awarded, he said.



He also invited volunteers from among the residents of these colonies to take part in the rat hunt. They will be given one week "intensive" training in hunting and killing of rodents, Deshmukh added.