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Governor rejects BBMP ordinance

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Bangalore, Nov 29: Karnataka Governor I N Chaturvedi has returned unsigned the ordinance proposed by the government to raise upper ceiling of wards in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The Legislature had sought to amend the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (KMC) Act to increase the number of wards in city corporation from 100 to 150. The move was to accommodate more wards in BBMP.

The Governor is said to have observed that the proposal is too premature as the delimitation of wards has not yet been concluded.

The Bangalore urban district Congress welcomed the move and its president Ramalinga Reddy said that the proposal was not discussed in the Assembly.

"In the forthcoming session of the Assembly, the issue would be discussed extensively," he said. Former mayor Mumtaz Begum termed Governor's move as vindication of her stand on the matter.

"The government seems to be hurrying through the entire process without any debate and discussion. Such a significant issue needs deliberations before arriving at any conclusion," she said.