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WHY CAN'T BMC FIND PLACE FOR FIRE ENGINE OUTSIDE PARK, ASKS HC

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Following opposition from the residents of the tony Malabar Hill to a fire engine being parked inside Priyadarshini Park, the Bombay High Court asked the civic body to file an affidavit, stating that it had no other option.

A bench of Chief Justice Manjula Chellur and Justice NM Jamdar said it was difficult to believe that in the entire Malabar Hill, the BMC could not find a "10-square metre area outside the park". The court was hearing a plea filed by the Malabar Hill Citizens' Forum against the BMC's decision to park the fire engine inside the sprawling park by erecting a shed.

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Several trees were damaged and the park's entrance was demolished to make way for the fire engine and the parking shed, the petitioners claimed, adding that the gates of the park had to be kept open even at night now for the free movement of the fire engine. The high court had earlier asked the BMC if it could find another parking place for the fire engine in the area.

