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No more villages will be added to BBMP limits

But the number of wards will increase

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The joint select committee, which met on Friday to discuss 40 issues, is not considering adding 65 villages to the BBMP limits. However, increasing the number of wards from 198 to 225 is on the cards.

BJP MLA S. Raghu, who was part of the meeting, clarified that the BBMP limits would not be increased further and there was no proposal either before the State government or before the joint select committee to add 65 villages abutting the city.

However, on Thursday, following a Cabinet meeting, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs J.C. Madhuswamy had hinted otherwise. Sources in the ruling BJP had also said there was a proposal to bring in 65 villages, especially those in the Electronics City-Satyaapura stretch, that had already been urbanised.

"While the limits will not be increased, the number of



At present, the number of civic wards is 198.

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wards will be increased from 198 to 225. Many of the 'buffer areas' have seen a lot of growth in population over the past decade. The number of wards in the five outer zones will be increased," Mr. Raghu said and admitted that the basic civic infrastructure development in these areas has not been commensurate with the growth in population.

He said the committee was also looking to adapt several recommendations of the BBMP Restructuring Committee Report and S. Kasturirangan Committee Report.