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## Modern slaughterhouse at Padegaon to be ready soon

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Aurangabad: The modernisation of the slaughter house at Padegaon is expected to be completed soon, with one phase of work completed and the other phase is under way. The first phase of work includes construction of semi-automatic abattoir with a capacity of 200 animals for local meat traders. In the second phase, the construction of automatic abattoir for 400 big animals is being constructed.

Al Quresh Exports, a private agency, is working in a public-private partnership with the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation on the slaughterhouse project.

The government had appointed a private organisation Mitcon-2 as the Project Management Advisor (PMA) for this purpose. Ahara Technology Group, Hyderabad, is working at the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) after it was appointed through a tendering process.

The AMC chief animal husbandry officer BS Naikwade said that the slaughter house is being built as per the guidelines of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Naikwade said that the new food safety guidelines do not allow the meat to touch the ground at any time.

“The slaughterhouse will ensure the scientifically processed fresh and disinfected meat is transported to the six meat markets in different wards across the city. The project includes construction of meat cold storage chain and two air cooled reefer vans for transportation of the meat,” he said.

A team from central government’s food processing industry department had visited the site in March 2017 and had asked to complete the project by March 2018.

Asked about the delay, Naikwade said, "The matter had to be defended in the court and the issue of waste site near the slaughterhouse had also caused delay in the completion of the project."