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BMC yet to get 100 Euro-IV garbage collection vehicles

Even as the December 31 deadline for replacing all garbage compactors with Bharat Stage IV or Euro IV category vehicles in Mumbai approaches, over 100 such vehicles are yet to be acquired by the BMC. To plug the delays, the corporation has begun levying fines of Rs 50,000 per day on its garbage collection contractors.

Of the 988 vehicles required in Mumbai, the BMC has so far managed to add 875 to its fleet. These compactors are of varying capacities, ranging from a tonne to six tonnes. The corporation claims that it has acquired all 1-tonne vehicles, but is facing a shortage of 6-tonne and 2.5-tonne compactors.

"We are hoping to procure the vehicles by the end of the year. In the meantime, to offset the shortage, we are allowing the use of Euro III compactors in some parts of the city," Additional Municipal Commissioner Mohan Adtani said.

The areas affected by the delay include A (Fort, Nariman Point, Cuffe Parade), B (Dongri), C (Chandanwadi), H-East (Bandra, Khar east) and K-East and K-West (Andheri) wards.