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Hassan CMC to install GPS devices in its vehicles

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The Hassan City Municipal Council has decided to install global positioning system (GPS) devices in its vehicles, including the one used by the commissioner.

The CMC has floated tenders for the purpose. “It is in the light of allegations of misuse of vehicles and over expense on fuel,” V.H. Krishnamurthy, commissioner, said here on Wednesday.

Tracking vehicles

The commissioner said it would help the authorities to track the movement of vehicles from the head office. “This will check the misuse of vehicles and ensure proper use of auto-tippers and trucks, meant for carrying solid waste,” he said.

The CMC has 40 vehicles, including auto tippers, water tankers, and sucking machines. However, seven among them are under repair, while another seven are not fit for use. The CMC is spending nearly Rs. 4 lakh a month as fuel expenses.

“I have reduced expenses on fuel by taking strict measures on the use of vehicles. From November 15 to 30, 2013, the total expense on fuel was Rs. 2.03 lakh. In the first half of December, the expense came down to Rs. 1.78 lakh,” he added.