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## Contractor sends garbage vans late, faces 50k fine

NASHIK: The garbage collection contractor of the Panchavati division will be fined Rs 50,000 for the delay in collecting garbage in the division on Sunday.

Garbage vans failed to reach the division and collect garbage till late in the morning. After the Municipal Corporation (NMC) health officer was informed, he went to the division and vans began collecting the garbage after 10am.

About the delay of the garbage vans, a source in the contractor's firm said that the garbage vans were low on diesel and due to unavailability, they procured diesel late in the morning.

Health officer, Sunil Bukane, said, "I have asked the divisional sanitary inspector of Panchavati to take action against the contractor for sending the garbage vans late. Garbage was not lifted in the division till 10am, as garbage vans did not get the diesel on time. All 35 garbage vans in the division did not have diesel. We charge Rs 1,500 for each garbage van for being late."

He said that the contractor is expected to fill fuel in all garbage vans a day earlier, as vans leave for garbage collection early in the morning. But all of a sudden all 35 vans were missing from the Panchavati division on Sunday morning. Noting this, the health officer was informed by his

subordinates and the fuel was filled after his intervention.

"The contractors have to fill fuel in the vans one day earlier and they are aware of it. They will have to pay around Rs 50,000 for the delay," Bukane said.

Citizens often complain of various garbage-related issues including that of unattended garbage. The NMC has started an SMS system for citizens to lodge complaints, but these issues are yet to be resolved.