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GHMC to privatise upkeep of sanitation on select roads

HYDERABAD: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has decided to engage a private operator to maintain proper sanitation on selected main roads in the city as well as ensure standards of hygiene and environmental management on those roads.

The GHMC has been doing sanitation work on these roads through outsourcing workers but now plans to utilise the commercial and technical expertise of a private agency.

A special user charge of Rs 500 per instance can be collected by the operator from anyone found littering, throwing garbage or debris on the roads. The operator is to check unauthorised pasting of posters or erection of banners, especially during night time, on these roads.

The operator will also be responsible for door-to-door collection of garbage from shops, establishments and residences situated on both sides of the main roads. Cleaning of footpaths and removal of litter, garbage and debris from the roads will also be part of the responsibility. In short, the roads are to be kept neat and litter-free.

According to GHMC officials, the operator is to ensure door-to-door collection from all shops, establishments and residences along the city's arterial roads except bulk garbage-generating establishments like restaurants and hotels as GHMC is already engaged in collection of bulk garbage.

The collection will be carried out everyday as per the mutual convenience of the owners of the premises and the operator. This operation, the GHMC thinks, will discourage and dissuade these establishments from throwing garbage and litter on the footpaths or roads.

The collected garbage will be deposited at the designated locations of GHMC for each package. User charges will be collected by the operator and deposited into the GHMC's account. The operator can recycle the waste which can generate revenue for him.

The operator will also be responsible for daily cleaning of sidewalks and footpaths, removal of waste or silt deposited at road junctions and on footpaths.

The civic body will deploy mechanised machines to sweep these roads once everyday but maintenance of cleanliness of these roads throughout the day will be the responsibility of the operator.

The operator has to deploy the required manpower and vehicles or make other arrangements to check littering and dumping of garbage and debris on roads.

It has come to the knowledge of GHMC that commercial establishments dump litter or garbage on roads soon after the sanitary workers sweep those stretches. This litter and garbage get scattered around due to wind, leading to poor sanitary conditions. Further, pedestrians, shoppers, motorists and other commuters throw litter which is not removed by sanitary workers till the next day. Moreover, there is illegal dumping of garbage and debris at night apart from pasting of posters and erection of banners. Hence the decision to rope in a private agency.

Roads selected□

1. Begumpet flyover to Punjagutta junction to Banjara Hills Roads No 2 and 3
2. Banjara Hills to Road No 36, Jubilee Hills
3. Masab Tank Jn to Road No.1 Banjara Hills-Nagarjuna Circle
4. Road No 12, Banjara Hills to Filmnagar Junction to Jubilee Hills Check-post
5. Raj Bhavan Road
6. Somajiguda Jn to Khairatabad Jn
7. Khairatabad Jn-Telugu Talli flyover- Indira Gandhi statue-Ambedkar statue- Assembly Jn.