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NMC cuts over 400 connections

NASHIK: The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has disconnected 409 more connections of water tax defaulters across the city in the last seven days.

With the fresh disconnections, the civic body has snapped a total of 1,093 water connections in the last three weeks. This is part of the NMC administration's action against water tax defaulters.

A total of 380 water connections have been cut in the Cidco division of the municipal corporation alone. In the other areas, 306 connections have been disconnected in Panchavati, 143 in Nashik Road, 125 in Satpur, 118 in Nashik East and 21 water connections have been snapped in the Nashik West division.

An NMC official said, "We have intensified our drive against the water tax defaulter. So far, we have snapped water connections of around 1,093 water tax defaulters in the last few days. We will continue our drive of disconnecting water connections of water tax defaulters. We have set the water tax collection target of Rs 53.82 crore for the current fiscal year 2013-14. Till date (by March 18) in the current fiscal, we have collected water tax amounting to Rs 29.85 crore."

He also said, "Our objective is to achieve the water tax collection target set for the current fiscal year by March end. But, we could collect only 55% of the total water tax collection."

There are a total 1.74 lakh water connections across the NMC's six divisions - 54,657 water connections in the Cidco division, 32,112 in Panchavati, 27,257 in Nashik Road, 26,408 in Nashik East, 24,026 in Satpur and 9,697 water connections in Nashik West division of NMC.