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## **Battery-operated vehicles in Sector 17? MC to deliberate**

The Municipal Corporation is contemplating introducing battery-operated vehicles in Sector 17.

The proposal will be discussed in a meeting of the Finance and Contract Committee of the civic body to be held on Wednesday.

According to the proposal, three vehicles will ply within Sector 17 to transport visitors from one side of the sector to the other. The aim is to reduce congestion by lessening movement of vehicles within the sector and solve the parking problem. The eight-seater battery-operated vehicles will be brought from Pune.

In the meeting, the civic body will also discuss the issue of constructing new sheds at cremation grounds in the city. During a recent inspection of the Sector-25 cremation ground, it was found that the sheds were in dire need of repairs.

A decision on the reserve prices of several paid parking lots in Sector 17 to be auctioned will also be taken.

An estimate for extending the area under a parking lot in the sector will be presented in the House.

A policy on what is to be done if a contractor running a parking lot gives up on the job citing non-profitability will also be framed.

There is also a proposal to widen the V-5 roads in Sector 48.

The committee members, meanwhile, rued that agenda for the meeting was received on Tuesday evening, which did not leave them with much time to prepare for the discussion. The councillors have demanded several times that the agenda be sent a few days in advance.