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## NCP corporator held in NMMC contract scam

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NAVI MUMBAI: NCP corporator M K Madhvi was finally arrested by the CBD police in Belapur on Thursday for his alleged role in the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) scam.

The police were looking for Madhvi for over a month in the case in which NMMC had been overcharged by a private contractor, H B Bhise, over a period of three years by forging and inflating bills for his services in various demolition works.

Before Madhvi's arrest, a total of six persons were arrested in the case, including Bhise and an NMMC clerk, Rajesh Patil.

Deputy commissioner of police (zone 1), Pratap Dighavkar, said: "We have incriminating documents that link financial bank transactions and transfers from Bhise to Madhvi. We have also sealed 12 accounts of Madhvi who will be in police custody till August 18.

The DCP added that the police have also asked the municipal commissioner to give them all previous audit reports and also a list of duties and responsibilities of all NMMC officials.

"We are trying to find out if there was any dereliction of duty on part of any NMMC official in connection with this scam," said DCP Dighavkar.

Madhvi had earlier applied for anticipatory bail from the Thane sessions court, and later Bombay high court; but it was rejected by both courts, leading to his eventual arrest.