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Dustbins must for shops in city bus stands, says mayor

MADURAI: In an effort to make Madurai a clean city, the corporation has come down hard on shop keepers in and around Periyar bus stand and complex bus stand.

Mayor V V Rajan Chellappa has instructed all the shop owners inside the bus stand premises to keep a dustbin in front of their shops. They have been given a deadline of two days for the task and any shop found without dustbin will be penalized with fine, he warned.

Meanwhile, night cleaning was undertaken at Periyar bus stand and its surrounding areas from October last year and nearly 50 sanitary workers were deputed for the same. The mayor and the corporation commissioner, Kiran Gurralla, inspected the night cleaning works on Monday night, following which they decided to implement this measure inside the bus stand too.

Periyar stand is one of the important bus terminals in the city . There are nearly 50 shops inside the terminal. Another good number of shops can be spotted near the Complex stand that operates city-bound buses to farther destinations.

According to the mayor, the civic body had distributed small dustbins to households in the city under Jawaharlal Nehru

National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) to keep the city clean. They are now tightening up cleanliness measures at many important places, including Periyar stand..

The shop owners of both Periyar bus stand and Complex Stand were asked to keep dustbins. "In fact we have told them that they are responsible for the garbage strewn in front of their shops. The sanitary workers can clean the garbage thrown by the public but when shopowners dump them in open, it becomes a tedious task," he said.

Sanitary inspectors will monitor the shops in the coming days to ensure that the owners adhere to the new norm.