

Don't waive sanitary workers' PF dues: NMC Union

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Nagpur: Nagpur Mahanagar Palika Aiwazdar Kamgar Sangathana approached the Regional Provident Fund (PF) Commissioner's office asking them not to accept waiving of outstanding PF amount of substitute sanitary workers.

Between January 2011 and May 2013, NMC had reportedly defaulted on PF contributions of 4,700 sanitary workers and outstanding amount comes to around Rs18 crore. On being informed, the regional PF office froze NMC accounts. However, after NMC administration's assurance, the freeze was lifted.

Sangathana's president Jammu Anand received a telephone call from representatives of NMC's employees union to sign a petition of daily wage sanitary workers over PF issue. In his complaint to PF commissioner, Anand stated there was a move in NMC by some unions misleading substitute sanitary workers and requesting them to waive the contribution for the period January 2011 to May 2013 under the pretext that they are very poor. It would not be possible for them to share their contribution for the above period.

This claim is not only false but is being made with ulterior motive, stated Anand in his complaint and claimed this whole idea was handy work of a few officials in collusion with office-bearers of some unions. According to Anand, as the NMC had failed to recover the PF contributions from the substitute workers now it was civic administration responsibility to deposit its share and their contributions too.

Anand's union also met the additional municipal commissioner Naina Gunde and demanded that NMC should deposit the outstanding PF dues immediately.