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Breeding checkers want regular jobs, threaten strike

NEW DELHI: More than 1,350 Domestic Breeding Checkers (DBC) employed by SDMC have threatened to go on indefinite strike from September 29 to press their demand for regularisation even as the city reels under worst health crisis.

Ashok Choudhary, general secretary of Anti-Malaria Karmachari Sangh, said many DBCs have been working with the corporation for 20 years but they have not been regularised yet. "We have met the mayor of south corporation and other officials several times but there is no concrete action, only assurances. Their indecision has forced us to take this extreme step," he added.

SDMC mayor Shyam Sharma said the DBCs will not be allowed to go on strike. "People are suffering due to dengue, chikungunya and malaria. DBCs cannot be allowed to leave work at this point at any cost. Strictest possible action will be taken if they do so," he said.

Sharma, however, said their demands were legitimate. "We also want to regularise them. But the state is not giving us enough money to take this step," he claimed.

"We do not have any social security, medical insurance and the salaries paid is nearly one-third of the malaria inspectors employed on regular basis. It is a big discouragement. There have been several strikes in the past also but to no avail," said another member of the anti-malaria karmchari sangh.