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### **MMC chief grilled over ‘hidden’ interviews**

MARGAO: Margao municipal councillors at the council’s Thursday’s meeting grilled chairperson Babita Angle over the alleged “hidden” interviews for recruitment of tipper truck drivers.

On the alleged hidden interviews and recruitment of drivers for tipper trucks by the MMC, the chairperson was caught in a tight spot, as councillor Ketan Kurtarkar took objection to the manner in which these appointments were made.

He said, "These posts are promotional posts and I wonder why no ads were released in other newspapers."

The MMC had recently interviewed and finalised 8 drivers for tipper trucks as daily wage workers.

The councillors registered their objection to the manner in which the recruitments had been made.

To this, the chairperson replied saying, “Appointments were necessary to avoid keeping the tipper trucks from lying idle and that the MMC had decided to have drivers as there was a shortfall.”

The Council took the chief officer to task for issuing licence to a new gadda after the council had taken a decision not to issue any fresh licences.

Earlier, the meeting resolved to form a vending committee for MMC and also resolved to take up developmental works in various wards.

However, the councillors took strong objection to the way in which the entire committee formation is being handled and demanded total transparency in the election of the committees and to define the roles of those elected.

Chairperson Babita Angle expressed her anger over the issuance of Occupancy Certificates to various buildings in the MMC jurisdiction despite her circular asking the Technical Department to stop issuing the same.

The councillors took objection to the purchase of the chairperson's new vehicle.

Admitting her mistake on the purchase of her new vehicle, the chairperson said, "We did not take a financial sanction for the vehicle. It was our mistake to buy it."

The chairperson also expressed her plans to exchange the earlier vehicle to the company but said that there is no provision under law to do so.