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No horizontal quota in job ad for sanitation workers

Meerut: Advertisement for posts of 2,355 sanitation workers issued by Meerut Municipal Corporation on August 2 has come under scrutiny due to allegations that reservation policies were not followed before it was issued. The matter could be challenged in court, causing further problems for the civic body. The state government permitted filling of 40,000 vacancies in posts of sanitation workers in civic bodies. Following this, MMC got permission to appoint 2,355 sanitation workers, for which an advertisement was issued on August 2. While MMC followed the caste reservation policy in the advertisement, it did not mention the horizontal reservation within reservation for the said posts. Instructing the civic bodies to publicise vacancies, the state government clearly mentioned in its notification that quotas must be based on Uttar Pradesh Public Service Reservation Act, 1994. Seeking anonymity, a senior official from MMC told TOI, "Not mentioning horizontal reservation while issuing the advertisement is a clear violation of the Act and it could be challenged in court, which will definitely landing MMC in troubled waters.