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## Auditor slams Nashik municipal corporation for lapses in accounts

NASHIK: The audit of accounts of the Nashik Municipal (NMC) for

2006-07 has revealed serious financial and administrative lapses committed by the civic body under the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance.

When the audit report was tabled at the standing committee meeting of the <u>NMC</u> on Thursday, committee chairman Uddhav Nimse decided to convene a special meeting to discuss the auditor's report. All heads of departments of NMC were asked to attend the meeting to be convened soon.

The audit report of NMC for the financial year 2006-07 was tabled for approval at Thursday's meeting. The auditor, in the report, has taken objections against all the departments for financial and administrative lapses, which include octroi, establishment, building & construction, accounts department, health, public relations, fertilizer, water supply and town planning.

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The auditor has slammed the NMC for showing the diesel storage of 28,000 to 30,000 lt in the diesel tank of the NMC depot, when the actual capacity of the diesel tank was 22,000 lt. Besides, the software for the octroi department had some errors. The register at the Maldhakka (goods platform) at Nashik Road railway station was not maintained. The new pension scheme was not introduced by the NMC for its staff and there was no progress in the health enquiries.

Further, the Marathi secondary schools of NMC did not receive grants due to lack of follow up by the NMC. An unauthorized electricity supply was being given from the public lavatories of the NMC. There was confusion in the bills by the building & construction department as the measurement book was not maintained. There was no progress in Pelican Park issue. The accounts department had not kept the reserve funds of 90 days for the salaries of the NMC employees. There was no decision regarding Rs 17 crore deposits of in the financially troubled banks. The garden department had not given any written details to the auditor and the register regarding the maintenance works were incomplete.

The auditor said that the NMC had not mentioned the number of entry tickets for the water park of the Dadasaheb Phalke

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Memorial. The register of the fertilizer project of NMC was incomplete and the recovery was inadequate. The water supply department had no stock register. The NMC properties were given on rent at nominal rates.