

## Sanitary workers petition Labour Department

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Sanitary workers of the Vellore Corporation submit a petition to the Labour Department on Monday.- Photo: C. Venkatachalapathy

*Seek details of PF and Employees' State Insurance Corporation scheme*

With their repeated pleas seeking details of Provident Fund (PF) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme going unheard, a section of contract sanitary workers of Vellore Corporation approached the Labour Department on Monday.

The workers submitted a petition to the Deputy Commissioner of Labour seeking help to get details of their PF account and ESIC scheme

status. There are close to 600 sanitary workers engaged in the contract basis in the four zones of the Corporation.

“Every month, at least Rs. 4,000 is being deducted from our salary of Rs. 9,000 towards PF, ESI, income tax and insurance. But, we are yet to receive our PF and ESIC account numbers. We have been asking our contractors for nearly two years but they are yet to provide the details,” a worker said.

The workers have not received the ESIC cards till date. “We are waiting for the cards for two years. Though the amount is deducted from our salaries, we are forced to spend for medical expenses in the absence of the card. The contractors say they will get the cards but again, nothing happens,” he said.

The sanitary workers have been engaged by the Corporation since 2009. Initially, they were part of the self help groups, and were engaged on contract basis in 2014. The workers said their earlier petitions to the Corporation’s Commissioner did not fetch any result.

The workers also said that their salaries were disbursed only after the 25th of every month.

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