

Got non-veg food to the shoot? It will cost you!

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No smoking, no phones, no wasting food... these are some of the rules on the sets of TV shows. Those who violate them have to pay a fine or treat the cast and crew



No non-vegetarian food is allowed on the sets of *Diya Aur Baati Hum*

NO WASTING FOOD ON THIS SET

While people can't bring non-vegetarian food on some sets, on others, they have to finish all their food even if they're full. On the sets of *Ek Rishta Aisa Bhi*, the actors have come up with a rule that anyone found wasting food will have to pay a fine. Rahul Sharma, the male lead of the show, says, "We have a rule on the sets that we don't waste the food on our plates. If we do, we have to pay a fine of ₹100 and treat the entire cast and crew to cold drinks. In case the quantity of food wasted is large, the fine also increases. There were some actors who had to pay a heavy price for wasting food, because they were fined ₹100 and were even asked to treat everyone to cold drinks. However, now, many have fallen in line because they don't like being penalised."

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NO SMOKING, NO NON-VEG

The 'no smoking' rule applies to the sets of many TV shows, since the sets are made of wood and there's always the chance that they could catch fire if someone throws a cigarette. Some producers want non-vegetarian food and cigarettes as far away from the sets as possible. Himanshu Soni, currently seen in *Neeli Chhatri Waale*, says, "Our producer has a rule that nobody can bring or order non-veg food. The rule book says anybody caught eating non-veg food has to pay a fine of ₹200. There was an artiste on the show who had brought non-veg food and ended up paying the fine. We also asked him to give us a party and order veg food for us. I am a vegetarian, so I don't face such issues, but non-vegetarians sometimes get hassled. Perhaps some of the actors have their food in their vanity vans." The same rule applies to the sets of shows like *Diya Aur Baati Hum*, *Ek Rishta Aisa Bhi* (which went off air on February 13) and *Mere Rang Mein Rangne Waali*.



Himanshu Soni

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KEEP YOUR PHONE ON SILENT

It's really irritating when a phone rings in the middle of an important meeting, right? It turns out, directors feel the same way if something like that happens while they are shooting a dramatic scene. Ravindra Gautam, who is currently directing the upcoming show *Begusarai*, says, "I have this rule on my new show that nobody's phone should ring while the scene is being filmed. If it does happen, the person is supposed to pay a fine of ₹500. If the phone rings loudly, it disturbs everyone and sometimes, if we are shooting an intense scene, it ends up disrupting the entire mood. So, I have created this rule. In fact, even I have ended up paying the fine a couple of times! When I was di-

Payal Rohatgi

recting *Madhubala - Ek Ishq Ek Junoon*, I remember Vivian Dsena and Drashti Dhami also had to pay fines because their phones would ring during the shoot. It's because of this rule that actors and other crew members have started keeping their phones on silent mode or leaving their phones with someone."

It seems that this rule is applicable on the sets of other shows as well, in-

cluding *Humsafars*, which went off air on February 20. Payal Rohatgi, who is a part of *Humsafars*, says, "I am very particular about keeping my phone on silent, but once it happened that my phone rang loudly, while a shot was being taken. It so happened that Sangram (her beau) had said that he would call me in five minutes and during that time, when I was waiting for

his call, I forgot to keep the phone on silent mode. It rang in the middle of a shot and I was quite embarrassed. I treated the entire unit, which comprises 120 members, to ice creams. The place where we shoot is near an ice cream factory, and there's nothing else available."

JUMPED TO A CONCLUSION? PAY UP!

We're all guilty of leaping to conclusions and later trying to get out of them with the excuse, 'I felt like it was the right thing'. But what if there was a fine on jumping to conclusions? Something similar exists on the sets of *Mere Rang Mein Rangne Waali*. Samridh Bawa, who plays LD on the show, says, "On the sets, our director has created this rule that no one is allowed to say 'Sir, mujhe aisa laga' ya 'maine aisa socha'. If we utter this phrase, we have to pay a fine of ₹10. Our director says, 'If you have any doubts, come and clear them.

Don't assume things'. In fact, I have already deposited ₹100 with my director, because I have a habit of saying these words. Pranali

(Ghogare, his co-star in the show), has already paid ₹150 for the same. This rule even applies to our director, who has to pay ₹50 if he utters these words. He has paid the

ASSUMING

A still from *Mere Rang Mein Rangne Waali*

fine a couple of times. We have a box kept on the sets and the fines are stored in it. *Jab bahut saara jama ho jaayega*, we will have a huge party with that money."