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## A HISTORIC DAY FOR SWACHH BHARAT MISSION: CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR PRODUCTION OF CITY COMPOST

**New Delhi | 4 April, 2016:** In a big boost to waste-to-compost projects across the country, over 41 agreements will be signed across the country over the course of April, between city municipalities, the respective city compost manufacturers and lead fertilizer companies to market city compost produced from waste. The Ministry of Urban Development confirmed that while representatives from 11 major cities had already signed agreements with their respective counterparts, they expect 30 more cities to enter into similar agreements to promote city compost. The historic deal is expected to increase the amount of waste treated for production of compost, with plants across these 41 cities capable of processing about 60 lac Metric Tonnes (MT) of waste annually and produce over 6 lac Metric Tonne of Compost. The agreements signed will also provide a much required boost to the compost market.

The signing of agreements facilitated by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) comes on the heels of the landmark Union Cabinet Decision passed in January 2016 on the promotion of city compost, wherein a market development assistance of Rs. 1500/- per metric tonne of city compost would be paid to the fertilizer marketing companies. The Department of Fertilizer had earlier notified the tagging of lead fertilizer marketing companies with individual city compost manufacturers to enter into similar agreements.

Under the agreement, city municipalities would ensure delivery of Municipal Solid Waste to compost manufacturers, and review the infrastructure and machinery available at the compost manufacturing location to ensure quality compliance. Compost manufacturers would further be responsible to process the solid waste and convert it into compost compliant with FCO standards, and properly package the compost. The fertilizer companies would thereafter discuss production & off-take schedule with compost manufacturers and ensure 100% off-take of compost manufactured.

Speaking on the eve of the announcement, **Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development & Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission**, said *"The central government has always emphasized on the value of waste towards producing energy and compost. Having said that, efficient waste utilization has been on top of our agenda while drawing up plans under Swachh Bharat. The deals would not only result in the increase of waste processing towards reusable resource, it is yet another step towards realizing our dreams of cleaner societies and a clean India. I want to congratulate all the parties involved for showing enthusiasm towards the mission, and working towards the betterment of our societies."*

Last week, a similar landmark deal was signed between IL&FS Environmental Infrastructure & Services Limited (IL&FS), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), to



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process city compost in the capital. It is estimated that 67% of Indian soil lacks carbon content essential for crop growth. The compost from city garbage provides carbon and primary & secondary nutrients to soil, hence increasing crop productivity by 30% while also reducing chemical fertilizer consumption by 30%.

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