

States Speeding up Waste Management Practices under Swachh Bharat Mission

New Delhi, 17 February 2016: The Ministry of Urban Development today expressed its delight over the progress made by different states across the country, towards implementing various Solid Waste Management projects & practices. Appropriate handling of municipal solid waste has been a key component of Swachh Bharat Mission and the progress shown by different states towards setting up Waste-to-Energy and Waste-to-Compost plants has been encouraging.

The Jabalpur Municipal Corporation (JMC) recently signed a concessionaire agreement with Essel Jabalpur MSW Pvt. Ltd. to start work on a 600 Metric Tonnes plant to convert waste to energy. The 178 crore project is expected to process 600 Metric Tonnes of waste on a daily basis and convert it to 11 MW of electricity, which would be utilized by the state electricity department to partly cater to the city's requirements. At present, the entire waste is being transported to the Ranital dumpsite, outside the city. JMC has constructed a 24 hectare secure landfill site at Katondha village for the waste management project and will collect transport and transport the waste from the city through their own resources.

Similarly, the Bathinda Municipal Corporation is working on setting up a 28 crore Waste-to-Compost plant in the city, in collaboration with the Jindal Group. Jindal Group has contributed from conception to execution of the 350 Metric Tonnes per day plant, applying their own resources & know-how. The plant is expected to produce compost for agriculture & Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) for local area power plants.

The state government of Rajasthan is also working on setting up waste processing plants at five different centers in Rajsamand, Sikar, Udaipur, Bikaner & Karauli. Letters of intent have been issued to hire truck mounted compactors, vehicles for door-to-door waste collection, and jetting & road sweeping machines, to improve waste collection and waste management across the state.