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Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi visited Karaikal today for an interaction with the Trading Community and to review the progress made on Solid Waste Management and ODF.

The interaction with Traders association was held in the Office of the Collector, Karaikal. Present during the meeting were Shri Parthiban, Collector, Karaikal, Shri Kesavan, Sub Collector, Karaikal, Shri V J Chandran, Sr. Supdt of Police, Karaikal, Shri Vikrant Raja, IAS Probationer and from Raj Nivas, Shri R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to Lt.Governor, Ms. Amirtha Bahl, OSD to LG, Shri Amirthalingam, DS Grievances and Mr. Kumaran, PRO were present. The President of the Traders Association, Shri Sivasankaran from Puducherry too participated in the meeting.

A brief presentation on the progress made on door to door collection of waste by M/s. Hand in Hand was made. Collector, Karaikal in his introductory speech gave an overview of the progress of collection of waste by segregating at source as mandated under Solid Waste Management Rules. He said that within a period of three months, segregation at source is witnessed in 20% of households and was hopeful that the awareness would percolate down and it won't be long before it is escalated to compliance of 60 to 80%.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor in her speech thanked the Trading Body to have taken part in the meeting at a short notice invitation. Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that she expected the co-operation of Karaikal Traders Association in following the best practices that have been put in place by their counterparts in Puducherry in keeping their commercial establishments clean and working towards recycling of plastics. The Karaikal Trading Body assured their full support and co-operation towards creating Swachh, Karaikal. In the course of the interactive meeting of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the following actionable points emerged

- The Traders would not dispose the waste but would collect it in two separate bins and hand it over to the waste collectors of Hand in Hand.
- The Trading body would carry the message of source segregation to their family, friends and relatives. A movement will be created by them to keep their surroundings and the streets swachh and clean.
- M/s Hand in Hand would shift the timing of collection of waste from the commercial establishments between 10.30 and 11.00 AM
- Hand in Hand would circulate feedback forms amongst the trading community to obtain suggestions for further improving their services.
- The Trading Community will obtain bins under CSR and provide it to all commercial establishments.

After a brief presentation on the progress of ODF, made by Shri Vikranth Raja, IAS Probationer, Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited the Resource Recovery Yard. At the Yard, Hon'ble Lt. Governor was shown the heaps of degradable waste converted into Bio compost. The formal inauguration of "waste to wealth" at the Recovery Yard was symbolized by the first sale of Biocompost harvest to the Karaikal Ammaiyaar Temple by Hon'ble Lt. Governor. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also purchased a 20 Kg sack of the biocompost manure for Raj Nivas.