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**PRESS RELEASE**

Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor in the 108<sup>th</sup> weekend round, revisited the dump yard at Kurumbapet to review the status of solid waste management.

Director (LAD) briefed on the efforts underway for resource recovery from waste. It was informed that, Nisarguna bio gas plant, a Solid Waste Management technology devised by Baba Atomic Research Centre (BARC), to convert bio-degradable waste into methane and organic manure has been taken up on pilot basis with a capacity of 1 MT and the work is under progress. It was informed that this technology considerably reduces the time taken for creation of Organic manure and increases the amount of methane gas produced as by-product.

Further, bio-degradable waste, to the tune of 5 metric tons, is being processed at the PASIC Compost Yard and converted into manure.

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), under the Swachh Bharat Mission has proposed to set up 100 waste-to-energy pollution free plants based on proven technology on turnkey basis in 100 Smart Cities. Director (LAD) was advised to explore the feasibility of engaging NTPC for the Resource recovery at Kurumbapet dump yard. Alongside, the present process to call for tenders for "Process Neutral Technology", which is under consideration by High Powered Committee of the Union Territory Govt. to be hastened. Decision to be taken after weighing both the options.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor stressed upon the necessity for segregation of waste at source for effective waste management. Director(LAD) informed that a mass awareness campaign as part of Information, Education and Communication (IEC), would be taken up to achieve the objectives. Further, Swachta Corporation was also advised to train their workers on collection of segregated waste and the vehicles transporting waste to be compatible to carry segregated waste, collected from source.

Director(LAD) was directed to hold a weekly meeting with Swachta Corporation, along with Municipal Commissioners of Pondicherry and Oulgaret, for quick resolution of civic issues and better co-ordination. Further, it was advised to form a Whatsapp Group with the same members, for reducing the response time of the public grievances with regard to waste collection.

The objective is to make Kurumbapet better dump yard site by putting in place a mechanism for early degeneration of waste.

Next field review has been fixed in the middle of November, i.e. on Saturday, 18 -11- 2017.

Director (LAD), Additional Secretary to Lt. Governor, OSD to LG, Municipal Commissioner, Oulgaret, Divisional Fire Officer and officials of Local Administration Department, accompanied Hon'ble Lt. Governor.