

TELANGANA

Construction of dump yards yet to gain pace in Medak dist.

Finalising location for establishment of dump yard becoming a problem due to public opposition

Despite the promise by the State government to construct dump yards at every village very little progress has been made in this direction. Lack of coordination between various departments was stated to be the reason for that.

It was estimated that while 120 grams of garbage would be generated per capita per day in rural areas, it would be 160 grams per day at major panchayats and 250 grams per day in municipalities.

Out of the total 35lakh population in the district (2011 census recorded 31 lakh population in the district and yearly increase would be around 10 per cent) it was estimated that around 24 lakh population has been living in rural areas and the garbage they produce would be around 2.88 lakh kg per day which would be a huge source for revenue generation if properly used by dividing the garbage at source as wet and dry and using it for production of organic manure and power. Similarly, in major panchayats and urban areas the garbage production would be around 1.8 lakh kg per day.

There are as many as 1,077 grama panchayats in the district out of which estimates were prepared for 973 panchayats and administrative sanctions were accorded 722 panchayats but the work was completed only in about 20 panchayats.

Finalising the location for the establishment of dump yard is becoming a problem as at many places public were opposing the establishment stating that it would be a problem for them in the future. Lack of coordination among the officials concerned was also stated to be another reason for that.

“We cannot locate it very far from the village as it would be difficult to operate and the man transporting it on tricycle may not come on a regular basis. The other reason is that it should be a secured location where we can take up further activities in the

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near future. So far about 20 dump yards were completed,” District Panchayat Officer Mr Suresh told *The Hindu* .

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