

Minutes of the 28th Meeting of State Level Task Force on Solid waste management for discussion and presentation on SWM Projects of Alipurduar and Digha Coastal Town

Date : 01.07.2021

Time : 12.30 PM

Venue: Through Video Conference

List of participants :

1. All the Members of State Level Task Force
2. Executive Officer, DSDA
3. Executive Officer and other Officials of Alipurduar Municipality
4. All the Engineers of MNB(U) Cell of SUDA
5. Secretary and other representatives of BITAN.

Director, State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) chaired the meeting.

SUDA had engaged Bitan Institute for Training, Awareness and Networking through tender process for the following works, the progress of which has been reviewed in this meeting:

1. Providing handholding support to Alipurduar Municipality for end-to-end activities of Solid Waste Management for 4 months i.e. from February, 2021 to May, 2021 vide work order no. SUDA-889/2021/8230 dated 01.02.2021.
2. Preparation of DPR on Solid Waste Management for Digha Coastal Town of West Bengal vide work order no. SUDA-901/2021/643 dated 13.05.2021.
3. Providing handholding support to DSDA, Purba Medinipur for end-to-end activities of Solid Waste Management in Digha Coastal Town of West Bengal for 4 months (to be started after finalization of DPR) vide work order no. SUDA-902/2021/644 dated 13.05.2021.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members and requested BITAN to give presentation on the DPR on Solid Waste Management prepared for Digha Coastal Town.

After the presentation and discussions following decisions have been made:

1. The Committee approved the DPR and recommended to submit the hard and soft copy of final DPR to SUDA within 05.07.2021.
2. The Committee requested BITAN to submit an end to end micro level plan of action (with specific timeline and responsible authority) for implementation of full cycle of Solid Waste Management for Digha Coastal Town in consultation with Executive Officer, DSDA within 05.07.2021.
3. During preparation of end to end micro level plan of action, following points should be considered:
 - a. Total supervision of SWM work and handholding support for IEC and Capacity Building will be done by BITAN.
 - b. Collection of waste in segregated manner and transportation of the same upto processing plant will be done by existing collection agency deployed by DSDA. Further scale up, if necessary, to

be taken up by DSDA with the agency engaged.

- c. SUDA will provide household bins and community bins as per requirement for households, shops and places of importance.
 - d. DSDA will ensure that all Hotels, Holiday Homes, Guest House and Restaurants will procure bins for segregation on their own. BITAN to do necessary orientation, supervision and monitoring to explore segregation at source and collection.
 - e. Mobilization regarding segregation of waste at source by all stakeholders will be done by BITAN.
 - f. Earlier DSDA constructed a processing plant site which they had handed over to Panchayat for operation but at present it is lying defunct. For establishment of wet waste processing plant (may be pit composting) and MRF for dry waste, Executive Officer, DSDA will ensure the availability of that particular land taking handover from Panchayat.
 - g. Executive Officer, DSDA will further review that the land they have shown for Sanitary Landfill Site is not violating the Coastal Regulation.
 - h. DSDA and BITAN will jointly assess the support required from SUDA i.e. for bin, IEC, and civil construction etc. The component wise financial requirement will also be assessed and to be submitted to SUDA with in 07.07.2021 alongwith estimate.
4. Within 10th July, 2021, a four party meeting between SUDA, DSDA, BITAN and existing collection agency may be organized at DSDA Office for initiating the implementation process.
 5. The onsite interim processing of waste (both dry and wet waste) to be done by the agency. Required infrastructure to be provided by DSDA at site.
 6. The Executive Officer, DSDA will submit a proposal for initiating similar kind of project at Mandarmani and to provide support for the same.

After that, BITAN was requested to present their activities related to solid waste management project of Alipurduar Municipality. The following discussion and decisions have been made:

1. During this 4 months project period, the segregation of waste at source, pit composting of wet waste and MRF for dry waste have been ensured for 8 wards only. The Committee recommended to start the similar work for remaining 12 wards and to cover them within 15th August, 2021. 4 additional wards among the 12 wards to be covered within 15th July, 2021.
2. It was observed that as the laboratory of North Bengal Agriculture University is closed due to COVID protocol so Alipurduar Municipality could not test the manure produced till date and accordingly could not sell it. The Committee requested Alipurduar Municipality to send sample to SUDA/ BITAN at Kolkata within 03.07.2021 for making arrangement for testing.
3. The Committee stated that BITAN should provide handholding support to Alipurduar Municipality

regarding monitoring, scale up of whole operation to all wards and selling of manure and other materials. Vendors will also be contacted and mobilized by BITAN.

4. It was observed that for shortening the time for composting, some machineries like Sieving machine, Shredder machine, Heat Sealing machining etc. are required and for minimizing the space required for Material Recovery Facility, storage in racks like the Ambikapur SWM Project may be adopted. Alipurduar Municipality and BITAN will jointly visit the site and send the proposal to SUDA for item/component wise financial support.
5. It was observed that the members of the Self Help Groups are working in MRF on daily wage basis. Their attendance is very irregular and dropout rate is very high, as a result capacity building of this kind of staff are being required on regular basis. It was suggested that sustainable model for manpower deployment may be explored like out sourcing all the material recovery works to SHGs or rag picker groups in place of deployment on daily wage basis. In this connection Committee further suggested Alipurduar Municipality and BITAN to watch the video of Ambikapur model for exploring the sustained possible options.
6. As per request of Executive Officer, Alipurduar Municipality, the Committee recommended to give extension of the project - providing handholding support to Alipurduar Municipality for end-to-end activities of Solid Waste Management to BITAN up to December, 2021 with cost estimation. The extension of the contract will be subject to BITAN ensuring complete offtake of the packed dry waste within 48 to 72 hours after it is ready. Similarly compost packed at site to be tied up with the buyers for offtaking in every alternate day.
7. The Committee further recommended to disburse the last 10% of the contract value of BITAN on compliance of the same.

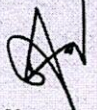
After technical evaluation of 6 tenders, the following decisions have been taken by the Committee:

- i. For Bansberia Municipality, Committee observed that 2 bidders M/s Suchana Development Project and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. participated in 2nd call. M/s Suchana Development Project has technically been disqualified and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. has been qualified. Committee decided that as earlier Simoco has qualified in many tenders and presumed that they may not be able to execute such a number of projects maintaining the quality, hence the present tender should be cancelled and 3rd call to be floated for better participation.
- ii. For Midnapore Municipality, Committee observed that 3 bidders M/s Parasmoni Organic and Agri Products Pvt. Ltd., M/s Urban Solution 360 and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. participated in 2nd call. M/s Parasmoni Organic and Agri Products Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Urban Solution 360 have technically been disqualified and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. has been qualified. Committee decided that as earlier Simoco has qualified in

many tenders and presumed that they may not be able to execute such a number of projects maintaining the quality, hence the present tender should be cancelled and 3rd call to be floated for better participation.

- iii. For Contai Municipality, Committee observed that 2 bidders M/s Narmada Development Project and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. participated in 2nd call. M/s Narmada Development Project has technically been disqualified and M/s Simoco Telecommunication (South Asia) Ltd. has been qualified. Committee decided that as earlier Simoco has qualified in many tenders and presumed that they may not be able to execute such a number of projects maintaining the quality, hence the present tender should be cancelled and 3rd call to be floated for better participation.
- iv. For Jaynagar-Mazilpur, Diamondharbour and Baruipur Municipalities, Committee observed that in each project only 1 bidder - M/s Suchana Development Project participated in 2nd call. M/s Suchana Development Project has technically been disqualified. Hence the Committee recommended to go for 3rd call.

With no other issue for discussion the meeting ended with vote of tanks to and from the chair.


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Director, SUDA