

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2005 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GOVERNOR SINDH.

As a follow up of the meeting dated 26th February 2005 the subject meeting was held under the chairmanship of Governor Sindh on 31st March 2005. List of the participants attached

ACS LG informed the participants that pursuant to the directives of the Governor given in a meeting held 26th February 2005 a meeting was held on 5th March 2005 with the Nazim Karachi, Town Nazims of Karachi and Hyderabad to discuss the proposal of outsourcing of garbage transportation. As per the decision of the meeting a committee headed by Nazim Gulberg Town has been constituted to give its recommendations within 15 days which are awaited.

A brief review of the issue was followed by a presentation by Mr. Arif Hassan, Architect & Planning consultant. He stated that the instant presentation is based on the research study done by him and Dr. Mansoor Ali in 2001. The report centers around the question; why does solid waste not reach landfill site? It draws conclusion that it is because of the requirements and location of recycling industries and the scavenging system that served it.

Recycling industry is providing employment to 55,000 families and has annual turn over of Rs.1.2 Billion. Estimated 1000 recycling units are mainly located at Sher Shah, North Karachi, Liaqatabad etc. This industry is essentially responsible for non-lifting of garbage from the city as it provides monetary incentives to the sanitary staff for non lifting of garbage. Mr. Arif Hassan concluded that unless this industry is shifted to the landfill site with all infrastructure the problem of solid waste management will not resolved.

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ACS LG endorsed the same and pointed out that the recommendations earlier made to the Governor in a meeting held on 25th February 2005 fully addressed the issue of recycling industry. He also stated that city government is making efforts for establishment of one garbage transfer station within its own resources. After a thorough discussion the following decisions were taken:-

- CDGK to identify locations for establishment of landfill sites and shifting of recycling industry to the landfill sites.
- CDGK to assess the feasibility of low cost housing at landfill site for scavengers and scavenging industry.
- Planning and Development Department to expedite efforts for de-linking of concept clearing paper from the establishment of power generation plant so that garbage transfer station may be established in Karachi.
- Health Department to conduct survey for identification of health care units in the city to bring them under the ambit of EPA guidelines.
- Next meeting will be held after six weeks wherein progress on the above will be intimated.
- Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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List of Participants

1. Minister, Planning & Development Department, Karachi.
2. Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Local Government Department, Karachi.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, LG Department, Karachi.
4. Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
5. Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment & Alternate Energy Department, Karachi.
6. Special Secretary, LG Department.
7. District Coordination Officer, CDG, Karachi.
8. Director Regional, Karachi Cantonment Boards, Karachi.
9. Ms. Rehana, Planning & Development Department, Karachi
10. Secretary, Sindh Local Government Board.
11. Executive District Officer, Revenue, CDG, Karachi
12. Executive District Officer, Health, CDG, Karachi
13. Executive District Officer, Works & Services, CDG, Karachi
14. Mr. Tasneem Siddiqui, Chairman, Saiban, Karachi
15. Mr. Arif Hassan, Architect & Planning consultant.