

Solid Waste Management by municipalities and corporations

Highlights

Out of 151 municipalities in the State, only two have established waste processing and disposal facilities and only 45 have obtained authorisation from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for setting up such a facility.

(Paragraph 2.2.6)

Out of 102 municipalities (excluding the 49 Grade III municipalities), five had no land for dumping solid waste while 36 had inadequate land for this purpose. (Paragraph 2.2.7)

Rupees 1.12 crore spent by three municipalities towards acquisition of land remains blocked as the land could not be put to use due to its proximity to an Air Force Station. (Paragraph 2.2.8)

Corporation of Madurai failed to initiate early action for obtaining approval of the State Government for reclassification of the site where solid waste bio-conversion treatment facility was to be set up as 'industrial zone' resulting in delay in getting approval. Non-setting up of the facility resulted in loss of revenue of Rs 35.10 lakh during December 2002 to November 2005. (Paragraph 2.2.9)

The quantity of garbage cleared by a private agency in the zones where garbage collection was privatised by Corporation of Chennai was inexplicably higher by 21 to 66 *per cent* and resulted in excess expenditure of Rs 37.07 crore during the years 2001 to 2004. (Paragraph 2.2.14)

All the 313 Government hospitals and 1,852 (out of 2,255) private health care units did not obtain authorisation for disposal of bio-medical waste from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board as required under Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. (Paragraph 2.2.15)

Private scavenging fee to the extent of Rs 2.07 crore was not collected by Corporation of Chennai during 1999-2005 from marriage halls, shops and trade establishments. There was shortfall in collection of Rs 18.58 lakh during 2002-05 by Corporation of Madurai towards periodical conservancy charges from bulk garbage generators like marriage halls, hotels, lodges, etc. (Paragraph 2.2.16)