

Solid Waste Management in Urban Himachal

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

No. UD-A(3)-2/2006, dated: Shimla-2, the August, 2006.

NOTIFICATION

The following Door to Door Garbage Collection Bye-laws made by the Shimla Municipal Corporation in exercise of the powers conferred by section 395 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 (Act No. 12 of 1994) having been approved by the State Government as required under section 397(1) of the aforesaid Act, are hereby published for general information and shall come into force within the limits of Shimla Municipal Corporation from the date of publication of this notification in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh (extra-ordinary), namely:-

**Municipal Corporation Shimla Door to Door Garbage
Collection Bye-Laws, 2006**

Aims & Objectives:-

The Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh has issued directions to the Municipal Corporation Shimla in the CWP (PIL) No. 543/03 titled as "*Trisha Sharma Vs State of H.P. & Others*" to formulate a scheme for door to door collection of garbage in Shimla town as envisaged in the Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000. Accordingly a Scheme was formulated and brought before the Special Meeting of Municipal Corporation House held on 26/9/2003. The House recommended the charges for different categories as mentioned in the scheme and further submitted to the Govt. of

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H.P. for its approval. The door to door Garbage Collection scheme was also brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court of H.P. on 15/10/03. In anticipation of the approval of the aforesaid scheme by the Government of HP, the directions were issued by the Hon'ble Court on 15/10/03 to make the scheme operational by 1st of Nov., 2003. The State Government on 28/10/2003 gave its approval and fixed the charges for different categories. The scheme was made operational w.e.f. 1st Nov., 2003 in different wards to give wide publicity to the scheme an appeal through Handbills and also on the cable TV was also made. The Commissioner and MC Officers held ward-wise meetings with the residents of the localities along with the operating NGO's in the respective areas for the implementation of the said scheme. To make this scheme successful HOD's of various Departments falling within the M.C. limits were also requested and Resident Welfare Committees were also constituted in each ward headed by the local Councillor and further provisions were also made in the H.P. Municipal Corporation Act to make the scheme mandatory for all residents residing in M.C. area by amending the Act. In spite of all the above efforts made by MC Shimla, the results were not encouraging. The Hon'ble High Court of HP on 27/3/06 was pleased to give further directions to MC Shimla pertaining to the door to door garbage collection as follows:-

- (i) Door-to-door collection of garbage scheme should be rejuvenated with full vigour and all out efforts should be made to make the scheme a full success;
- (ii) Municipal Corporation Shimla as a policy matter shall decide to completely do away with garbage containers in Shimla town. The garbage collected under the door-to-door scheme shall be carried to the garbage disposal points/location;
- (iii) The Commissioner shall consider the efficacy, feasibility and desirability, in best public interest of out-sourcing the execution and implementation of this scheme;

