Integration of wastepickers by ULB
Overall scenario

• Waste collection is governed by Local Bodies, it has sole control over solid waste management;
• Many cities in India has Door to door collection
• The system is either informal or formal
• Wastepickers are involved formally or informally
Overall scenario

• Waste pickers generally pick up waste from the road sides, land fill sites and transfer station.
• Where the waste pickers pick up waste from the above they are at the whims of the employees of the ULB’s who either take bribes or themselves collect the waste.
Points of difference

Variation in door to door collection:

• Some direct user fee collection only
• Direct fee and management cost
• Management cost is subsidised by organisation
• Collection is done by Ulb and given to waste group
• Bided tenders
• In official tie up with the private companies
Points of difference

- Wastepickers are mostly included in primary collection

- Very few instances where they are involved in processing of wet waste
Some features of integration

• Road side sweeper who are ULB employees play a major role
• Privatisation of door to door collection
• In many cities privatisation is not successful
• Collection work is again given to waste pickers especially in low line areas where private contractors are not able to serve
• In some cities Dry waste collection centres are given to wastepickers
• Sorting sheds are given to wastepickers by ULBs
Some features of integration

- In cases were ULB pays the payment is not received for 6 to 7 months.
- Many cities ULB have recognised and given identity cards to the waste pickers.
- In many cities Push carts are given by ULB but maintenance is not provided.
- In many cases investment for push carts made by waste pickers group.
Conclusions

• No single system of door to door collection followed through out the country
• As per the Convince of the ULB
• Highly dependent on the collective bargaining power of the organisation working
• Dependent on the relation of the organisation
• ULB’s not keen to recognize the role to waste pickers
• Trend towards privatization is seen