

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

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- 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 where 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