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14 MNCs apply for waste management

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LUDHIANA: Crumbling under the pressure of ever-pouring complaints from the residents regarding improper waste management in city, the municipal corporation had invited tenders for it from private firms. On Thursday, 14 multinational companies took part in the bid.

Solid waste management has been one of the grave concerns for the residents of the city, as in its absence they have been facing a lot of problems. The issue was raised in front of the high-powered Estimate Committee of the Punjab Assembly on its visit in the city. After it, Virsa Singh Valtoha, chairman of the committee had asked the officers of the local bodies department to submit reply regarding it.

Chief engineer Manmohan Singh had said that the government has already hired a private consultant, ILFS and IDC, for managing the solid waste on public private partnership (PPP) basis. He detailed out that for it the state government had formed 7 clusters one each in Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ferozepur, Bhatinda, Pathankot, Ludhiana and Patiala.

Manmohan informed the team that in these cities, waste management plants would be set up on land having an area of

about 40-50 acre, which would cater to the solid waste of around 15 to 20 adjoining small towns and cities. He asserted that for it, transfer stations would be set up in two cities from where the solid waste would be transferred to these plants, where the company running the plant would produce electricity, urea or bricks according to the technique available with them.

Singh said for setting up the plant in city, the Union government would give a grant of 50% under Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).