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MCD to spend Rs 50cr on white, green dustbins

NEW DELHI: After spending Rs 12 crore on green and blue dustbins many of which have been reported useless by the sanitation field staff the MCD is all set to purchase white and green dustbins at a cost Rs 50 crore. The civic agency plans to provide two dustbins to every household and ensure door-to-door segregation.

The civic agency plans to begin the project by July 20 in Rohini and Civil Lines zones and extend it to other zones by December. According to MCD, door-to-door segregation will help solve city's <u>solid</u> <u>waste</u> management problem immensely. "Once the project begins, only 25% of the present quantity of waste will find its way to the landfill sites. The rest will either be composted, recycled or used for energy generation," said an official.

However, MCD officials admitted that even if the proposed project is in place by the year-end, they will be able to process only 57.22% of the waste. The official added: "We will provide two bins, which will be joined, to each house owner. The green bin will be for biodegradable waste and the white one for recyclable waste. It will cost MCD Rs 50.40 crore to purchase these bins."

Said a resident of GK-I, Alka Singh: "So much <u>money</u> is spent on bins but you can never find one in market areas. Garbage is always strewn out on the roads. Even if MCD purchases these bins under the door-to-door segregation scheme, what is the guarantee that people will actually use them?"