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Trial run of new garbage collection scheme begins

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Involves collection and transfer of waste for recycling or compost production

NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi started its much talked about door-to-door garbage collection scheme on a trial basis in two city wards here on Monday. The two wards are Shalimar Bagh in Rohini Zone and Model Town in Civil Lines Zone.

MCD Standing Committee chairman Ram Kishan Singhal said: "We were supposed to begin the scheme in its entirety in the Rohini and Civil Lines Zone by July 20, however that will take more time. The scheme's official inauguration would only be possible in another month or so as we are likely to face opposition from local sweepers and trash collectors."

"Under the trial system introduced on Monday, about 10 auto tipper vehicles equipped with hooters to announce their arrival went to localities in Shalimar Bagh and Civil Lines Zone and

collected garbage. This garbage will be transported to the old landfill sites initially and once the new sanitary landfill sites are ready we would be transporting the entire garbage there and processing it to ensure minimum waste pile up,” he added.

Meanwhile, the civic body’s proposal to purchase 60 lakh bins to segregate solid waste at individual houses is still pending. The MCD will spend Rs.50.4 crore on providing green and white bins of 12-litre capacity to each house-owner.

The green bin will be meant for biodegradable waste and the white for recyclable waste. The bins will be purchased after calling tenders and distributed accordingly as part of the overall scheme.

The scheme involves collection of waste after primary segregation into biodegradable and non-biodegradable, transferring these to processing plants for recycling or compost production and sending the remaining parts to sanitary landfill sites. Auto-tippers will travel from door to door collecting garbage while the local dumping grounds known as *dalaos* will be phased out.