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## **GHMC makes compost units mandatory**

For establishments generating more than 50 kg waste daily

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has, on Tuesday, issued orders making it mandatory for hotels and restaurants in the city generating bulk waste, to establish a compost unit inside their premises.

Citing the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, issued by the union government, the corporation has asked the hotels and restaurants generating more than 50 kilograms of waste per day to set up compost units.

This will make the bulk generators responsible for waste segregation and storage of organic waste at source point. A compost unit may be set up in area ranging anywhere between 40 to 200 square yards, and does not require power, a press statement from GHMC said.

The Swachh Bharat Mission, in its guidelines, mentioned the requirements for the units based on the size of the establishments, it said.

Recently, orders were issued by the Director, Municipal Administration, asking the all the municipal commissioners in Telangana State, including that of GHMC, to identify the bulk waste generators, and take necessary action.

They were also given instructions for collection of user charges towards recovering the cost.

In the order however, bulk generators are defined as users which generate over 100 kg of waste per day from a single premises. Majority of the big hotels, restaurants and function halls fall in that category, but few are complying with the norms.

The orders from the Municipal Administration directorate came in view of the Union government's 'Swachh Survekshan-2018', which mandates certain documentation and implementation of reforms for scoring good marks.

## **Strict compliance**

Previously, a circular too was issued with a slew of instructions for strict compliance with the regulations.

The circular asked the municipal commissioners to see that all bulk generators do waste segregation inside their premises, and have on-site processing units for the organic waste.

## **Voluntary declaration**

Officials have informed that about 90 to 100 bulk waste generators including hotels, restaurants, function halls, big complexes, hospitals, and malls have been identified in GHMC limits, through voluntary declaration.