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MCD for 'bomb-proof' garbage bins in Delhi

PTI 26 August 2009, 05:00pm ISTNEW DELHI: Keen to "secure" Delhi before the Commonwealth Games 2010, the MCD is considering a proposal to acquire "bomb-proof" garbage bins from the UK, built with a special material that can contain the impact of any explosion.

The dustbins will be of 1000-litre capacity and may cost Rs 50,000 each.

"At present, we are studying the project, its different aspects and the cost-effectiveness," Mayor Kanwar Sain said.

He said the civic agency plans to put up some bins at sensitive points on a "trial basis" to see how it works.

Terrorists used large garbage bins to plant bombs during the serial blasts in Delhi on September 13 last year that killed 26 people and injured 133 others. After that, the MCD toyed with ideas like transparent bins to prevent such incidents from recurring.

A UK-based firm manufacturing the dustbins approached the MCD with the latest proposal. The company had earlier supplied 50 such dustbins to a civic body in Assam.

Built with special material used in bullet-proof cars, the bins can help contain the impact of any blast and reduce threats from

detonation of any explosive device, including fragmentation, mechanical effects and post-blast fire.

"The company said such bomb-proof bins have got certification in Britain. We have asked them to provide all necessary documents," the Mayor said.