CM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT CACORA

Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant in presence of Minister for Science, Technology and Waste Management, Shri Michael Lobo; Minister for Power, Shri Nilesh Cabral; Minister for PWD, Shri. Deepak Prabhu Pauskar; MLA, Shri Prasad Gaonkar laid the foundation stone for the proposed 100 tons per day (+25%) Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility’ at Cacora today.

While speaking on the occasion Chief Minester, Shri Sawant declared that this project will be named as Manohar Dream Project for Garbage Management. He reitered Government’s efforts to take forward the vision of Late Ex CM Shri Manohar Parrikar. Development of Infrastructure requires vision and this Government is Working tirelessly with a vision to serve the last citizen of the State he said. The aim of the Government is to ensure that Goan should not suffer for basic needs like drinking water, roads, electricity, health, sewerage he said.

He urged the people to keep the identity of Goa. Issue of Garbage menace cannot be solved just with the garbage projects but it requires public participation, Shri Sawant opined. We should change the tendency looking at the way we are dealing it with the garbage issue he said. Government is working to give training for the teachers, councillors, panchayat members including the one who comes in public contact to solve the garbage issue at the basic level.

Stating that Goa is a tourist destination on the world map Shri Sawant appealed every citizen to work responsibly to preserve the scenic beauty and environment of the State. When we say that our culture is "Athithi Devo Bhava" we should give priority for the cleanliness and be self motivated he said.

Shri Micheal Lobo said, solid waste management facility at Kakoda will be put up at a cost of Rs. 173 crores by using improvised technology. Work of this will be completed in 16 months he said. People should supplement the efforts of the Government to make State garbage free. Attitude and thought of the people “not in my backyard” should be changed he said.

Speaking further, he said every house is generating garbage and they should take responsibility that this garbage will not be a problem for the entire society. He said State is in need of it's own RDF factory and for that Government is working which will generate energy from garbage.
Similar garbage plants like Kakoda but with less capacity will also be made available at Sonsodo in South Goa and Bainguinim in North Goa. State is doing its best in infrastructure development and now it should also come up in waste management. Everyone is responsible for degradation of environment he said.

Shri Nilesh Cabral said garbage of 43 local bodies of Sanguem, Quepem, Cancona and Dharbandora talukas will be treated at Kakoda solid waste management facility. Roof Top solar panels will be installed on 16,000 sq.mts. roof of this garbage project to generate solar power he said. He thanked people to support this project.

Shri Dipak Pauskar said Overall development of the state is underway with the inspiration of late CM Shri Parrikar. Curchorem Constituency will get its own sewerage treatment plant, process of acquiring land is underway. All major infrastructure projects in the State will be completed by December 2022, he added.

Shri Prasad Gaonkar said, solid waste management facility is the main project of overall development process. The project is under the aegis of the Department of Science, Technology and Waste Management and Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC).

The project will be set up on an area of approx 81,000 sqm, which was an existing waste dump site and GWMC has remediated the waste scientifically and disposed the RDF/SCF to cement factories for co-incineration.

The proposed plant is on the lines of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF) at Saligao and the design has been upgraded to take into account the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the learning from the SWMF at Saligao. The plant will have separate lines for wet and dry waste with the organic extruder being the heart of the system. The entire system will be PLC/SCADA based and will be monitored 24x7.

The facility is being setup by an SPV, Vasudha Waste Treatment Pvt. Ltd. Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation has been entrusted the work of project management consultants. The design and technical parameters of the plant have been vetted by an expert committee under the chairmanship of Padmashri Dr Sharad Kale with members from IIT - Mumbai, NEERI, BITS Pilani.