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## Managing Panaji, Taleigao waste to dominate CCP meeting today

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PANAJI: A special meeting of the corporation of the city of Panaji (CCP) will discuss a proposal to set up a 10.84 crore project of establishing waste management facilities at Panaji and Taleigao and an integrated solid waste management (SWM) facility at Bainguinim.

A detailed project report (DPR) prepared by Tetra Tech Limited for the SWM project at Bainguinim at an estimated cost of 35 crore will be placed before the council for approval. "The resolution will be forwarded to the Goa state urban development agency (GSUDA) for release of funds," a source said.

The DPR prepared under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for an integrated solid waste management facility, which also includes a sanitary land fill at Bainguinim was submitted to the state-level steering committee on May 27, 2011. However, the state-level steering committee under JNNURM, headed by chief minister Digambar Kamat, had not taken it up as leader of opposition Manohar Parrikar had expressed the view that the project could be expedited with the faster availability of state government funds.

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Urban development minister Joaquim Alemao also endorsed Parrikar's view and said GSUDA could make funds available for the project. However, Joe D'Souza, a JNNURM steering committee member, has expressed reservations over whether the Bainguinim project will see the light of the day. "There is a conspiracy to sabotage it and the availability of state funds itself leaves a question mark," he said.

The Goa government had acquired 1.70 lakh square metres at a cost of 55 lakh for setting up a garbage treatment plant at Bainguinim.

The Monday meeting will also discuss the appointment of a consultant (structural) for building sheds for waste management facilities in the city.

CCP proposes an aerobic composting facility with a capacity of ten metric tonnes, a landfill facility and five metric tone material recovery facility at Taleigao.

In Panaji, the CCP has plans to set up aerobic composting facilities to handle 15 tonnes of waste with a processing capacity of two to five tonnes per day at each of the three locations, near Heera petrol pump, old biogas site and opposite LIC and Panaji market.

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