

# Smart city project: French firm to begin solid waste mgmt from June 1

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**CHANDIGARH:** One month after board of directors of the special purpose vehicle (SPV) of the smart city project finalised the French company as the project management consultant, the firm will begin the project of solid waste management from June 1 at Sector 43.

The company, Egis International, who has been allotted the work, has its office in Gurgaon, Haryana.

Speaking to HT, Ashish Tandon, MD, Egis in India, said, the solid waste management project will be most challenging one. "We will be training our officials and also create awareness among people in the city. We will begin with implementing segregation of waste at source from Sector 43, which will be followed by other sectors later," he said.

He added, "We have already started the ground work and will begin the main work from the first week of June."

"Also, soon, we will be floating request for proposal (RFP) to execute works."

He said, the company will begin their study of the project regarding 24X7 water supply and will also set up command control centre in Sector 17.

## WHAT IS A SMART CITY?

- A smart city is an urban region that is highly advance in terms of overall infrastructure, sustainable real estate, communications and market viability
- It is the city where information technology is the principal infrastructure and basis for providing essential services to residents
- The city is also a thriving hub for economic establishments

He said that they would be making more storage tanks and with the supply of 24X7 water supply, there will be no wastage of water. At present there is a gap of 29MGD between the demand and supply. The city is receiving 87MGD water against the demand of 116MGD. The special purpose vehicle (SPV), a joint venture between the UT administration and the local municipal corporation, was to rope in the consultant to prepare estimate of the project and execute it.

## EFFICIENT USE OF VACANT LAND KEY

Efficient use of vacant / underutilised land in Sector 43 to create

## WHERE MONEY WILL BE SPENT?

- The money for the smart city project will be used for development in Sectors 17, 35, 22 and 43.
- ₹30 crore will be spent on potable water, ₹22 crore on waste water
- ₹2 crore will be spent on storm water drain, ₹165 crore will be spent on power and ₹113 crore on solid waste management

mixed use district for innovation and employment generation, which will be developed over the period of five years.

## VACANT OR UNDER UTILISED LAND AVAILABLE FOR USE

Nearly 71 acres adjacent to the inter state bus terminus (ISBT) and the district court complex to create a compact and mixed use development facility.

Facilities like exhibition centre, convention centre, iconic arena, art museum/ gallery, hotels and serviced apartments, office space for incubation and skill development centre, integrated roadway, food and beverage



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age district along with entrainment, residential –affordable housing, hostel facility and children playground to be developed in lines with environmental principles.

Promotion of the economic activity in the open spaces through establishments of street cafes and market and making it a car-free zone.

Officials from departments like the engineering the department of urban planning, the estate office, the government museum, tourism, CITCO and the MC will be roped in.