

Govt ropes in pvt firm to clear malba by August 10

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New Delhi: Delhi government has tied up with **Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS)** for removal of construction waste from the city. The company has so far removed about 24,000-25,000 tonnes of waste from various roads of the city and has assured the government that the August 10 deadline for the job will be met.

The tie-up with IL&FS, was necessitated, officials say, because earlier various agencies were simply dumping the waste in each other's land so that instead of leaving the city, the malba was simply "touring" it adding to the government's problems. "We found that PWD was dumping malba in MCD land, NDMC in DDA land and MCD in NDMC land and such various permutations and combinations, which essentially ensured that



the malba simply leaves the area under its jurisdiction and not the city. That is why last month we made it mandatory for all agencies to remove the waste through IL&FS. That way, we have a clear log of how much waste is being removed per day," chief secretary Rakesh Mehta said.

IL&FS started working from the second week of July and has been removing about 2000-3000 tonnes of waste per day. The waste is being taken

Tie-up with IL&FS was necessitated as civic agencies were simply dumping the waste in each other's turf. Officials said that the malba was simply shifted from one area to another

to two of its own construction sites where it is meticulously weighed and the concerned agency is sent a bill. "It is one of the least messy ways we could think of to remove the waste," said an official.

The company's trucks that carry the waste are GPS-fitted, so that the government is also given a clear idea as to which part of the city was the waste picked up from and the bills help maintain a log of which agency is the client.