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**Title : BMC cancels Rs 500cr waste recycling deal**

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### **Move Is A Step Towards Closure Of Mulund Dump Yard**

The BMC on Wednesday cancelled the Rs 500 crore garbage recycling contract of the Mulund dump yard. The move is in keeping with its attempt to shut down the dump and restore the plot for other use.

The BMC will soon invite tenders for scientific closure of the dumping ground. It is also learned that the BMC may set up a waste-to-energy plant on a part of the dump yard. There were frequent complaints of fire at the dumping ground, causing inconvenience to local residents. "The dumping ground is very close to residential area and we were getting complaints from people. So we decided to shut it down. We are planning scientific closure of the ground and restoring the plot for future use," said M. Pimple, deputy chief engineer, solid waste management.

The civic authority had also issued a termination notice to another contractor at the Deonar dumping ground for delaying the project worth more than Rs 3,700 crore. The BMC had awarded both contracts in 2009-10 but there were several issues which delayed the projects for five years. The garbage recycling work had not started at both dumping grounds.

The civic authority decided to take a strong step on the issue after the state government in principle agreed to allot a plot of land to the BMC at Taloja for garbage dumping and to develop recycling facilities. After getting the plot, the BMC will start dumping the garbage at Taloja and gradually it will shut down the Deonar dumping ground also.

The Deonar dumping ground contractor was supposed to carry out partial closure of it and put up plants to process 2000 MT waste. At Mulund, the contractor was required to set up a bio-methanation plant for garbage processing of 500 MT per day . Both the contractors failed to fulfill the conditions.



The Mulund dumping ground