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Trash management, Sindh LG Secy warns industrialists

KARACHI: Sindh Local Government Secretary Roshan Shaikh has warned that the industrialists to must place dustbins outside their factories otherwise industry would be sealed if trash found in front of or on its connecting roads.

Speaking at a meeting of Site Association of Industry (SAI), Shaikh said there are many industries in SITE industrial area throwing garbage outside their factories, and people should strictly follow rule not to throw garbage on roads.

He said government is an executing agency but citizens have the responsibility to demonstrate civic sense and keep their homes, compounds, vicinity and the city at large neat and clean by disposing off the trash properly.

Secretary asked industrialists to help Sindh govt in cleaning of their own city. He informed that the CM has ordered provincial ministers to monitor different areas during the campaign. He has also directed to keep Deputy Commissioners' busy for expediting the tasks of disposing off garbage. "The chairmen of all union councils should own the responsibility of maintaining cleanliness in the areas which are cleared by the provincial authorities," he added.

Shaikh said as per the CM initiative up till now more than 358,000 tons of garbage has been lifted from Karachi and sent to landfill site. Daily 14,000 tons are now being picked from all districts of Karachi, excluding cantonment board areas. The biggest problem is backlog of more than 800,000 tons.

He issued instructions including the removal of encroachments, removal of GTS on main roads, especially at Manghopir Road in front of technical college and at Mominabad area.

Zubair Motiwala informed that due to lack of cleanliness in SITE industrial area, SEPA is issuing notices on the basis of garbage accumulation as SITE Limited, Sindh Solid Waste Management Board and Chinese Company fails to perform their jobs. He also pointed the infrastructure especially road conditions in SITE Karachi. Motiwala floated the idea if the property and conservancy tax collected from SITE Karachi is handed over to SITE Association, they would construct all the roads according to international standards.

Zubair Motiwala also highlighted the issue of over staffing, gratuity and pension of SITE Limited which almost take the 90 percent of the total income.

Saleem Parekh and Jawed Bilwani, former presidents of the association expressed their grievances over garbage accumulation and lack of cleaning in SITE - the largest industrial area, saying that due to non-performance of SITE Limited, Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) and Chinese contractor Hangzhou Jinjiang, heaps of garbage are increasing day by day in SITE Area.