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CPCB's app to keep track of Covid-19 waste in Delhi

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NEW DELHI: The Central Pollution Control Board is using a waste tracking software to measure the amount of Covid-19 waste being generated by each state and Union territory. Every municipal corporation and waste generator have to use the app to log in the amount of Covid-19 waste being generated, collected and disposed of every day.

In a report prepared for the Supreme Court-mandated EPCA, which has been tracking waste management during Covid, CPCB said in August, all states and Union territories had generated an average of 169 tonnes per day, while the total count across the country stood at 5,238 tonnes.

In Delhi, the Covid-19 waste has come down to 296 tonnes in August compared to 390 tonnes in July. The data is reflective of the drop in Covid-cases the capital saw in the first part of August. In June, Delhi recorded 333 tonnes of waste. "As per information submitted by state pollution control boards, as well as daily data received from the Covid-19BWM

tracking app, the average quantity of Covid-related biomedical waste generation is about 169 tonnes for August,” stated the report.

The app will help assess the actual amount of waste being generated also at isolation wards, quarantine centres, testing labs and sample collection centres, CPCB said. In a report to the Supreme Court, EPCA had flagged the requirement for an app, which can provide data on such waste coming from households and self-quarantine units.

“This application provides a dashboard for monitoring daily waste collection and disposal, including tracking of vehicles,” CPCB added.