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## Upgrading of garbage transfer stations nearing completion

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CHENNAI: Work to upgrade the garbage transfer stations of Zones 5 (Kilpauk) and 7 (Nungambakkam) of Chennai Corporation is nearing completion. "The civil work has been completed. We are now installing the weighing machine and other equipment. The two facilities will be opened soon," Mayor M.Subramanian said.

He told *The Hindu* that after the commissioning of the upgraded transfer station of Kilpauk Zone, a park would be developed on a land nearby measuring 18 grounds and extending up to Pulianthope transfer station. The estimated cost of developing the park is Rs.21 lakh, he added.

Mr. Subramanian said that transfer stations in Zones 6 (Triplicane), 8 (Kodambakkam) and 10 (Adyar) had been upgraded in 1997. The facility in Zone 3 (Pulianthope) has also been upgraded.

The transfer station of Kilpauk Zone, being upgraded at a cost of Rs.2.95 crore, handles around 460 tonnes garbage daily from several areas, including Anna Nagar, Choolaimedu, Kilpauk, Purasawalkam, Virugambakkam and Chetpet.

The transfer station of Zone 7 in Pudupet is getting upgraded at Rs.1.40 crore. It handles 300 tonnes of waste per day from Thousand Lights, Nungambakkam, Egmore, Choolai, Kosapet

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and Alwarpet areas. A civic body official said that the garbage brought in by compactors would be dumped into a 20 feet deep pit from which a grappler unit would pick it up and load it on to a Taurus vehicle, which would take it to Kodungaiyur dumping yard.