

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF FLYASH
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make use of flyash waste of coal based thermal power plants for making bricks and to use these bricks in Government funded construction industry roads and embankments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a)&(b): Government of India have been promoting and encouraging use of fly ash generated from coal based thermal power plants for manufacture and use of various types of building materials including bricks. In order to promote large scale utilisation of fly ash, several fiscal incentives such as excise duty exemption on the production of fly ash bricks and customs duty exemption on the import of critical machinery/equipment have been announced by the Government. Fly ash bricks have also been incorporated in the schedule of Central Public Works Department so that these bricks can be used in Government construction projects.

Ministry of Environment & Forests have issued a Government notification for promoting use of fly ash in Government construction projects. Many State Governments have issued orders to their construction agencies for using fly ash bricks and some State Governments have given incentives for production of fly ash bricks/blocks. Apart from manufacturing bricks, fly ash is also being used in the construction of roads and embankments.