

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:49  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2002  
IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether despite directives of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, shipments of toxicPVC, zinc ash, zinc waste/scrap, lead waste, lead ash/scrap batteries have imported during the last five years and current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and justification behind import of such material indicating the steps taken to ban such import;
- (c) whether any officials have been found responsible for that; and
- (d) is so, the action taken against the erring officials?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c) AND (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 'IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE' BY SHRI SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL AND SHRI RAMJEE MANJHI; FOR ORAL RE 04.03.2002

(a) & (b) Import of hazardous waste is regulated under rules 11 to 13 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 and amendments of 2000 notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as well as under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992. Under Hazardous Wastes Rules 1989 and amendments of 2000, hazardous wastes can not be imported for dumping and disposal. However wastes such as zinc ash, zinc waste and scrap are allowed to be imported for recycling and reprocessing in an environmentally sound manner. The Ministry has not permitted imports of lead waste, lead ash and scrap batteries in the last five years. Metal and metal alloy wastes in metallic non-dispersible form and metal scrap are not banned for import/export under the Basel Convention and are not in violation of Supreme Court Order of 1997. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has set up an Expert Committee to examine cases of import received by the Ministry for recycling/reprocessing. Imports recommended so far by the Ministry are given in the Annex. The Ministry has also banned wastes containing or contaminated with hazardous constituents namely, arsenic, asbestos, cyanide, mercury, polychlorinated bi-phenyls (PCB), pesticides and the like, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. As regards Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC), no license has been granted for import of PVC waste by Directorate General Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce in the last one year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Annexure

TABLE - IMPORT APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED TO DGFT FOR LICENCE BETWEEN APRIL 1998 and JANUARY, 2002

S.No Name of the Firm Material and Quantity per year(MT) Date of Issue

1. M/s Tirupati Chemicals  
New Delhi Zinc Ash/Skimmings-3600MT 6 August 1998
2. M/s Sirosmet (T) Ltd., Udaipur Brass Dross-11425MT 6 August 1998

3. M/S Rose Zinc Ltd., Mumbai Zinc ash & Skimmings-14000MT 6 August 1998
4. M/s Mahindra Sintered Ltd, Pune Copper Oxide Mill-scale-100MT  
Copper Oxide Mill-scale-200MT 26 June 1998
5. M/s Indo-Dutsche Metallo  
Chimigue Ltd., Mumbai Steel Mill Dust-20000MT 2 November 1998
6. M/s Sunrise Zinc Ltd., Goa Zinc Ash & Skimmings-3000MT 7 December 1998
7. M/s Swil Ltd., Calcutta Copper-10,000MT  
Plant Jhagadia & Nashik Copper Cable Scrap-10,000 MT  
Residues containing mainly Copper Cable Scrap`DRUID`-1,500MT 24 February 1999
8. M/s Bhoomi Sudhar  
Chemical Industries, Haryana Zinc Ash & Skimmings-4000 MT 14 May 1999
9. M/s Fertichem(India) Ltd.,  
Chandigarh Zinc ash & Skimmings-3000 MT 14 May 1999
10. M/s Northern India Chemical Zinc ash & Skimmings 3000 MT 14 May 1999  
Industries, Chandigarh
11. M/s Sunrise Zinc Ltd Goa Zinc ash & Skimmings-7500 MT 17August 1999
12. M/s Hydromet Ltd Chennai Brass Dross-4800MT  
Cu Dross-6300 MT 17August 1999
13. M/s Himgiri Metal Pvt Ltd, Zinc Ash-1800 MT 17August 1999  
Muzaffar Nagar
14. Golkonda Engineering  
Enterprise Ltd Secunderabad Jelly filled copper cables- 2750 MT 17August 1999
15. N.D Metals, Daman Copper Druid-5000MT  
Copper Dross-3000MT  
Zinc die cast scrap -Scroll-3500MT 3 April 2001