

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the European Union is providing technical expertise to the Government as it drafts a policy framework for waste management;
- (b) if so, whether EU cooperation in the waste management project has a key component on e-waste management for policy development and remedial measures for contaminated sites;
- (c) if so, whether this would be done through a suitable adoption of the EU policy and regulations to the Indian situation;
- (d) if so, whether in this connection, a study tour by officials to Europe was also proposed;
- (e) if so, the decision reached in this regard;
- (f) whether there is a need to propagate education to bring about greater awareness on the benefits of segregation and waste management, especially in schools; and
- (g) if so, the extent to which EU has already prepared a plan for India in regard to e-waste management?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (g): The EU-India Joint Action Plan Support Facility (APSF) is a project aiming to promote dialogue between India and Europe on sustainable development and share lessons on managing the environment. As per the work plan, two workshops, one each on management of e-waste and the other on remediation of contaminated sites have been organized in February, 2010 at New Delhi. During workshops, the Indian and European experts deliberated on issues relating to improvement of management of e-waste and remedial measures for contaminated sites.

Based on suggestions of some of the State Pollution Control Boards, a study tour has been proposed in order to gain experience of e-waste recycling practices adopted in Europe. As there is no provision in the APSF for financial assistance for study tour, it has been conveyed to the State Governments that they will have to bear the expenses for participation.

The Ministry provides financial assistance for creation of awareness about the regulatory provisions on waste management. Further, the Ministry provides financial assistance under a national programme (National Green Corps) to sensitise school children about the environment related issues.