

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

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DISPOSAL OF E-WASTE

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

- (a) the quantum of e-waste generated annually in each State/Union Territory at present;
- (b) the quantum of such waste recycled in the country annually;
- (c) whether any comparison has been made between our country and other G-20 countries in regard to e-waste generation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to seek international assistance for disposal of this waste; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and other measures taken by the Government for disposal of e-waste?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Based on a survey carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it is estimated that 1.47 lakh MT of e-waste was generated in the country in the year 2005, which is expected to increase to about 8.0 lakh MT by 2012. Ten states generate 70% of the total e-waste generated in the country. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab are among top ten states generating e-waste. There are 23 e-waste recycling units having the recycling capacity of 90,000 MTA.

(c) & (d) No comparison has been made with regard to e-waste generation in the country and G-20 countries.

(e) & (f) At present, there is no proposal to seek international assistance for disposal of e-waste.