

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any policy on solid waste management in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assessment of the Government in term of solid waste being utilized in terms of alternative source of energy in rural areas;
- (d) whether there is any plan for introducing Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to fully utilize waste in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a)to(f): Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main objective of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is an integral component of TSC with a provision for expenditure up to 10% of the project outlay. Under this component activities like common compost pits, low cost drainage, soakage channels/ pits, reuse of waste water, system for collection, segregation and disposal of household garbage etc may be taken up. At this stage, the focus being on cleanliness, there has been no assessment in terms of solid waste being utilized in terms of alternative source of energy in rural areas. There is no plan for introducing Public Private Partnership (PPP) to utilize waste in the country.