

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

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WASTE TO ENERGY PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start waste-to-energy plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been resentment among the people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (e): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing programmes to promote energy recovery from urban and industrial wastes including by setting up projects for energy recovery from municipal solid wastes. Financial assistance is available for setting up of projects, research and development and dissemination of information under this programme.

Representations were received from the residents of colonies adjoining Okhla in Delhi with regard to air pollution from a Waste to Energy Plant at Okhla. The Central Pollution Control Board has been asked to examine the technology and the mitigation measures adopted and to take action, if required, as per the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.