GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:13 ANSWERED ON:22.11.2011 WASTE MANAGEMENT Rajesh Shri M. B.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has carried out any study regarding the challenges of waste management;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any long term plan for waste management; and
- (d) the steps taken to adopt modern technology for the purpose of waste management?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a) to (b): The Expert Committee constituted for the preparation of the manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management 2000 identified various issues being faced by Urban Local Bodies which include lack of technical, managerial, administrative expertise, adequate financial resources and institutional arrangements.
- (c): Municipal Solid Waste Management is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Government/Urban Local Body to plan, design, implement, operate and maintain such systems. Accordingly, it is for the States to plan and implement such systems. However, Govt. of India supplements the efforts of the States through its schemes, i.e. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme, 10% Lump Sum Scheme for North East Region including Sikkim and the Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Satellite Towns.
- (d): With a view to provide guidance to cities and states for adopting a scientific system of solid waste management, the Govt. of India has notified the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Handling Rules 2000, published a manual on Solid Waste Management (May 2000), a report of the Technical Advisory Group on Solid Waste Management (May 2005) and a report on Integrated Nutrient Management (March 2003).