

**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 Government has issued any guidelines for urban waste management without causing environmental pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any scheme for waste management by urban local bodies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being 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 Environment and Forests has notified Municipal Solid Wastes

(Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 to ensure proper collection, storage, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste including plastic waste. These Rules have provisions for plastic waste management, wherein municipal authority are responsible for setting up, operationalisation and coordination of the waste management system and for performing the associated functions such as collection, storage, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste. They are required to set up collection centers for plastic waste involving manufactures in line with the principle of extended producers responsibility and to ensure its channelisation to recyclers, create awareness and to ensure that open burning of plastic waste is not permitted. The landfills for municipal solid waste require environmental clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 from the State Level Environment Expert Appraisal Authority. The notification prescribes undertaking of environmental impact assessment study and conduct of public hearing. Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 have, inter alia, suggested technologies for solid waste management. Ministry of Urban Development is implementing the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and the projects eligible for JNNURM assistance include environmental improvement and solid waste management.