

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GARBAGE MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a technology advisory group regarding garbage management was constituted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said advisory group has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations/findings thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these recommendations?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Solid Waste Management for class-I cities constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in July, 1998, the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development had constituted a Technology Advisory Group (TAG) on Solid Waste Management in August 1999 and later reconstituted the Committee in January, 2002. The objective of constituting the Committee was to collect information on various proven technologies for processing and disposal of waste, developing IEC material for creating awareness among the masses, promotion of capacity building, human resource development in Urban Local Bodies for efficient management of Municipal Solid Waste.

(c): The Committee finalized its Report and submitted to the Ministry in May, 2005.

(d): The report covers the details of various technologies available within and outside the country for the treatment of Municipal Solid Waste and deriving compost, Refuse Dried Fuel (RDF), Power, etc., from the waste, their merits, demerits, their limitations etc. It also narrates the extent of application of these technologies in India so far. The TAG report also covers the financial aspects giving details of sectoral lending by financial institutions, the extent of private sector participation attempted, the legal issues related to private sector participation in India and makes recommendations of fiscal incentives for solid waste management infrastructure financing by the State and Central Government.

The TAG report also spells out the strategies proposed to be adopted for building community awareness through information, education and communication technique for ensuring public participation and for human resource development through internal capacity building of the officers and supervisory staff dealing with solid waste management at various levels through training at various levels.

(e): Since all the recommendations have to be implemented by State Governments/Urban Local Bodies, the Ministry has already circulated the TAG report to all the State Governments for adoption.