

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

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DISPOSAL OF WASTES IN URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether urban areas are posing big challenge of waste disposal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken to avoid such situation in future; and
- (d) the details of views of each State, NGOs, public and industry in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Increasing urbanization, growth in population, change in life style and consumption pattern are contributing to increasing municipal solid waste generation. As per an estimate of the Ministry of Urban Development published in 2000, approximately 1,00,000 metric tonnes per day of municipal solid waste is generated in the country. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has estimated 0.573 million metric tones per day of waste generation in urban and rural areas of the country during 2008. The municipal solid waste generation in urban areas, State-wise, is given in the annexure. Municipal authorities are required to put in place adequate systems for proper municipal solid waste management. 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 solid waste. These Rules have been notified after due consultations with various stakeholders. 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.