GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3275 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009 ABSENCE OF SCIENTIFIC WASTE MANAGEMENT Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the absence of scientific waste management facilities, more than 22 cities like Delhi, Mumbai, etc. are dumping their more than 75% wastes in landfill sites in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the municipal waste produced daily by various cities during 2008-09 and 2009-10 so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up scientific waste management facilities in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) the details of the proposals received from various States for setting up of scientific waste management system during 2009-10 so far; and
- (f) the details of the action so far taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (f) CPCB has estimated that about 0.573 million MT/day of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is being generated in the country. However, these estimates are approximate, based on the quantity of waste transported to the disposal site, as the municipal authorities are not regularly updating the quantity of waste generation. The Central Government has notified the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000. According to these Rules, Urban Local Bodies are required to take necessary steps for scientific management of municipal solid wastes including segregation for recycling and landfilling. The Ministry of Urban Development is implementing the Jawahar Lal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) scheme for providing assistance to the State Governments/ Urban Local Bodies for various projects including for solid waste management. According to the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), one MSW Management project proposed by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has been received during 2009-10 and has been technically appraised.