

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the priority targets set under National Urban Sanitation Policy (NUSP) for solid waste management have been achieved during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the major constraints felt in meeting the goals;
- (c) whether the grants/allocation recommended by the Twelfth Financial Commission for solid waste management has been provided to the States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Union Government to provide additional financial assistance to States for management of solid waste?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): Solid Waste Management (SWM) is, inter-alia, envisaged as an integral component of sanitation under National Urban Sanitation Policy to ensure that all Indian cities and towns become totally sanitised, healthy and liveable. Ministry of Urban Development has formulated a set of standardised Service Level Benchmarks for Municipal Solid Waste Management as per international best practices and circulated to State Governments in September, 2008 for adoption.

As per the "Service Levels in Urban Water and Sanitation Sector – Status Report (2010-11)", published by Ministry of Urban Development in March, 2012, the average service status in 1405 municipalities is as under:-

Indicators	Benchmark	Average
for MSW Management		
Household level coverage	100%	35%
Efficiency of collection of MSW	100%	75.6%
Extent of segregation	100%	10.8%
Extent of MSW recovered	80%	14.5%
Extent of scientific disposal	100%	9.7%
Efficiency of redressal of customer complaints	80%	54.7%
Cost recovery	100%	7.3%
Efficiency in collection of charges	90%	14.4%

The major constraints reported in meeting the goal of NUSP are absence of segregation of waste at source, lack of funds with ULBs for waste management and lack of technical expertise and appropriate institutional arrangements etc.

(c) and (d): Twelfth Finance Commission did not recommend separate grants to the States for Solid Waste Management, instead it recommended that out of the grants allocated to ULBs, 50% have to be utilised for SWM. A statement indicating the grants / allocation

recommended by the Twelfth Finance Commission and funds released to States are given at Annexure.