

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1845
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

Increasing Problem of Plastic Waste Management in Rural Areas

1845. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increasing problem of plastic waste management in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any schemes to enable and incentivize the village panchayats for plastic waste collection and disposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d): Recognizing the need for plastic waste management in rural areas, every gram panchayat, is mandated as per Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, either on its own or by engaging an agency to set up, operationalize and co-ordinate plastic waste management in rural areas under their control and for performing the associated functions, namely, -

- i. ensuring segregation, collection, storage, transportation, plastic waste and channelization of recyclable plastic waste fraction to recyclers having valid registration; ensuring that no damage is caused to the environment during this process;
- ii. creating awareness among all stakeholders about their responsibilities; and
- iii. ensuring that open burning of plastic waste does not take place.

The Government of India in February, 2020 has approved Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), administered by Department of Drinking Water Sanitation, which focusses on the sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and solid and liquid waste management in rural areas, which includes plastic waste management also. Under Phase II, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, has issued operational guidelines to the States and UTs which include funding provisions for Solid Waste Management activities at village level.

As per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase II operational guidelines, funding provisions for the Solid Waste Management activities at village level, which include Plastic Waste Management, are given below.

Village Size	Financial Support
Upto 5000 population	Solid Waste Management: uptoRs. 60 per capita
Above 5000 population	Solid Waste Management: uptoRs. 45 per capita
