

- (ix) **Fire Hazard** : All Municipal corporations with a population of more than 1 million (2001 census) must put in a place a fire hazard response and mitigation plan for their respective jurisdictions. Publication of these plans in the respective State Government gazettes will demonstrate compliance with this condition.

Waste Management

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Will the Minister of Urban Development be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study on challenges of waste management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any long term scheme for waste management; and
- (d) the steps taken for adoptng modern technology for the purpose of waste management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development constituted a Technology Advisory Group on Solid Waste Management. The report of the Group which was finalised in May 2005 addresses various issues related to solid waste management including financial and technological issues. The report was circulated to all State Governments for adoption. In March 2003, a Task Force was set up to prepare an action plan for promoting integrated plant nutrient management using city compost along with chemical fertilisers. This report was also circulated to State Governments.

(c) Under the various schemes of this Ministry, which include the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Central Sector Scheme for Solid Waste Management projects in 10 Airfield Towns, North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Sateite Towns, 10% Lump Sum Scheme for North Eastern Region including Sikkim, support is provided for implementation of solid waste management projects.

(d) The Manual on Solid Waste Management and report of Technology Advisory Group on Municipal Solid Waste Management brought out by the Ministry of Urban Development in the years 2000 and 2005 respectively specify various technologies for collection, transportation, processing, treatment and disposal of municipal solid waste in a scientific and hygienic manner.

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