

Tackling of large dumping grounds

2340. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken due cognizance of fire at the Deonar dumping yard, Mumbai earlier this year;

(b) whether the Ministry intends to formulate any policy to tackle such large scale dumping grounds from metropolitan cities; and

(c) whether the Ministry intends to formulate a national policy for garbage disposal that can be adopted by all States and cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry has comprehensively revised Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and notified the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules in April, 2016 for environmentally sound management of solid waste at all locations including the dumping grounds for waste in metropolitan cities. The SWM Rules, 2016 emphasizes upon resource recovery, recycling and reuse by way of segregation of waste through involvement of the waste pickers and self help groups, channelization of the dry and recyclable waste, use of biodegradable waste for composting, vermi composting and bio-methanation, utilizing combustible fraction of waste for refused derived fuel and energy recovery, and permitting only the non-useable, non-recyclable, non-biodegradable, non-combustible and non-reactive inert waste and residues from waste processing facilities to go to sanitary landfill for minimizing the requirement of landfill sites.

Solid waste management in metros

2341. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has considered a solid waste management policy or a binding law for metropolitan cities to follow;

(b) if not, what are the long-term solutions for mega cities like Mumbai, Delhi and other cities that have such large garbage dumps; and

(c) whether the Ministry has consulted the experts in waste management and the countries which have faced such problems earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE): (a) to (c) The Ministry