

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) and (b) As per the report titled "Water : At What Cost? - The State of World's Water 2016" published by WaterAid, out of 225 countries, India stands at 118th position with regard to percentage population without access to safe water.

Use of plastic in packaging

2096. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate use of non-degradable plastic in packaging of goods is one of the main impediments in implementation of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in rural areas;
- (b) whether attention of Government has been drawn that in rural areas there is no system of rag-picking and hence disposal of polythene bags and sachets or plastic coated packaging material is a real problem; and
- (c) the manner in which Government intends to deal with this issue, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has been launched from 2nd October, 2014. Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is one of the integral components of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and under Solid Waste Management, activities like system for collection, segregation and disposal of household garbage, including plastic waste can be taken up. Funds for Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities with a cap of ₹ 7/12/15/20 lakh are available for Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/ more than 500 households. The States are also encouraged to adopt 3R approach of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in dealing with solid waste.

Recommendations of Centre for Science and Environment Committee

2097. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recommendations of the Sunita Narain Committee on damage to ecology and mangroves by Adani Port and SEZ Ltd. at Mundra; and
- (b) the details of action Government has taken, as per the recommendations of the Committee, till date?