

Several initiatives taken by the Government are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to answer to USQ No. 835 (Part (c) to (e))]

**Setting up plastic waste management units**

862. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to set up thousands of block level plastic waste management units in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of blocks which will have such units. State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these units will come into effect in the chosen blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) to (d) The Ministry has notified Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules 2016, which *inter alia*, prescribe to set up Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) by local bodies for sorting of recyclable dry waste such paper, metal, plastic, glass, textiles etc. These units facilitate storage, sorting/segregation of various streams of dry waste for value recovery.

Further, the Government has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 for environmentally sound management of plastic waste and to prevent plastic pollution in the country. Every urban local bodies have been made responsible for setting up of necessary infrastructure for collection, segregation and processing, including recycling and disposal of plastic waste. The generators of waste under the PWM Rules 2016 have been mandated to take steps to minimize generation of plastic waste, not to litter, ensure segregated storage of waste at source and handover the segregated waste to the local bodies or agencies authorised by them or registered waste pickers or registered recyclers.

On the call of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a three-phase campaign "Swachhta Hi Sewa" (SHS) was launched from 11th Sep, 2019, which ended on Diwali i.e. 27th October 2019, which *inter-alia*, focused on awareness, advocacy, collection and safe disposal of littered plastic.

Under the campaign, all stakeholders *i.e.* general public, students, industry, Governments and local bodies came together and collected waste plastic from houses, streets, public places like parks, beaches, markets, religious and tourist places etc. Urban Local Bodies, Gram Panchayats, Government organisations and others made arrangements to deposit the collected plastic waste at designated locations for recycling. Start-ups, technical bodies and corporates came forward with their plans to recycle the collected waste. Eventual goal of the campaign was that the plastic waste is not dumped on land or into water but is recycled in environmentally sound manner.

#### **Loss making PSU units**

863. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has been able to identify the main reasons for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) becoming loss making units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) steps taken by Government as corrective measures, if any; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) The reasons for losses/ sickness in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) vary from enterprise to enterprise. However, some common problems for loss making/ sickness in CPSEs include obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilization, low productivity, poor debt-equity structure, excess manpower, weak marketing strategies, stiff competition, lack of business plans, dependence on Govt, orders, heavy interest burden, high input cost, resource crunch, etc.

(c) and (d) CPSEs -functions under the administrative control of their respective Ministries/ Departments. The administrative Ministries/ Departments take corrective measures in respect of CPSEs under their administrative control on case to case basis. In this regard, DPE has issued guidelines on 29.10.2015 for "Streamlining the mechanism for revival and restructuring of sick/ incipient sick and weak CPSEs: General principles