

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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DUMPING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

the steps taken by the Government to compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling on dumping of hazardous wastes and formulation of guidelines for ship breaking?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

Several steps have been taken by the Government subsequent to the order of the Supreme Court in the matter of WP No. 657/95 on Hazardous Waste Management. Major ones are:

- A Supreme Court Monitoring Committee on Hazardous Waste Management has been constituted to oversee the implementation of the directions of the court.
- The Committee has met several times to review the action taken by the concerned departments and agencies in the area of Hazardous Waste Management. The Committee also conducted several field visits including the Alang Ship Breaking Yard at Gujarat to oversee and monitor the implementation at the ground level.
- An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Steel with representation from the concerned Central and State Government Departments / agencies, specifically to monitor the implementation of the directions of the Supreme Court for ship-breaking.
- The Gujarat Maritime Board has been directed to issue consents to individual ships prior to their arrival at ports, stating that the ship does not contain hazardous wastes or radio active substances.
- The Gujarat Pollution Control Board has been directed to issue certificates ensuring decontamination of the ships prior to breaking.
- All ship-breaking units have been directed to dispose off the wastes arising out of ship breaking activity as per the provisions of the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989, as amended from time to time and authorization granted by the State Board.
- A common Treatment Storage Disposal Facility has been developed near Alang to dispose off wastes from ship breaking in an environment friendly way.