

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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POWER FROM WASTE  
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that energy generation from garbage has become ineffective as appeared in the `Dainik Jagran` dated April 12, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON- CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES( INDEPENDENT CHARGE ) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): The news item refers to the potential and progress made in the country in the area of energy recovery from urban and industrial wastes. The progress in energy recovery from municipal solid wastes, in particular, has been slow mainly on account of the problems of collection and segregation of wastes by the municipal corporations; high capital cost of the projects; and, lack of financing, project development capabilities, conducive policies and attractive tariffs for the power generated from these projects.

(c): A National Master Plan is being finalized to tap the available potential in a time bound manner. A National Conference was organized to discuss various aspects of energy generation from municipal solid wastes. The States and Municipal Corporations have been requested to provide greater thrust to the development of these projects, which could be supported by the Ministry. An information package is also being prepared to provide detailed information about the potential, technologies, costs and economics.