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ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE IN STATES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some states are in the process of developing Zero Waste Residential Colonies for environmental friendly atmosphere;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to extend financial assistance to the States which implement such a scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details and extent thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the information received from the State Pollution Control Boards in the form of annual reports relating to the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2000, a few states like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are attempting to develop zero waste/ zero Garbage Towns. Also there are reports in the news papers about the launching of zero waste management programs in certain localities such as Saritha Vihar residential colony in Delhi, Air force station Tambaram in Tamil Nadu and Kovalam in Kerala.

(c) & (d) No specific schemes have been formulated by the Union Government to extend financial assistance to States which implement such schemes.