

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

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BURNING OF DRY LEAVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether burning of dry leaves in the cities is causing air pollution during winter season;
- (b) If so, whether the Government has framed any guidelines to restrict this pollution ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether any technology has been adopted for maximum use of dry leaves in the country to produce manure and other things; and
- (e) If so, the details therefore and further strategy chalked out by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Burning of dry leaves emits smoke and other noxious gases, which affects the ambient air quality in cities. Under Schedule II of the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules 2000, (MSW Rules) notified vide S. O. No. 908 (E) dated 25th September 2000 burning of dry leaves and garbage wastes has been prohibited.

(d) to (e) Many State Governments/ Local Bodies in the country have taken initiatives for setting up of waste processing facilities based on composting , vermi -composting or anaerobic digestion technology. As per MSW Rules, in order to ensure proper disposal of Municipal Solid Wastes the Municipal Authorities are required to set up waste processing facilities for biodegradable waste including dry leaves.