

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1793  
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SEGREGATION OF BIO WASTE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has instructed all State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) to make the segregation of mercury contaminated bio-waste a condition for granting authorization to the health care centres :
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to set up any institute for reduction of dioxins and mercury; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) : The Central Pollution Control Board has requested all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) of Union Territories to give proper attention to mercury spillages in healthcare facilities in respect of collection of the spilled mercury, its storage and sending the same back to the manufacturers and also for taking all other necessary measures to ensure that the spilled mercury does not become part of bio-

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medical or other solid waste generated from the healthcare facilities. Further, as indicated in Schedule II to the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended, any waste containing equal to or greater than 50 mg/kg of mercury is a hazardous waste and the concerned generators of such wastes including healthcare facilities, are required to dispose of the same as per the provisions of the said Rules. The SPCBs/PCCs have also been requested to bring this requirement to the notice of the healthcare facilities and also ensure incorporation of an appropriate condition to this effect in the authorization to be granted to them under the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules,

c) : There is no proposal of setting up of an institute for reduction of dioxins and mercury.

d) : Does not arise.