

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any Task Force report for examining the technological aspects of Waste to Energy projects in the context of contemporary municipal solid waste scenario in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes, Madam. A report of the Task Force on Waste to Energy constituted by the Planning Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Former Member, Planning Commission was submitted on May 12, 2014.

(b): The Task Force has recommended that solid waste has to be managed by technologies and methods that enable recovery of resource and energy and most importantly help keep our cities clean, prevent pollution and protect environment. To attain twin objective of sustainability and sound solid waste management, emphasis has to be laid on Integrated Waste Management, Decentralized and Centralized Approaches for waste processing, Identification of appropriate Technological Options and Operational Models based on quantity and composition of waste, Sustainable and Implementable Framework for Public Private Partnership and Financing.

(c): Ministry of Urban Development has launched "Swachh Bharat Mission" (SBM) on 2nd October, 2014 with the target to make the country clean by 2nd October, 2019. The Mission, among other measures, includes Solid Waste Management for which there is a provision for 20% of project cost as Viability Gap Funding where State Governments or Urban Local Bodies can opt for any feasible waste processing technology.