

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Harmful effects of brooms

2620. SHRI VEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the harmful effects of brooms used for cleaning up of streets, roads, public places etc. on public health and environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to abandon the use of brooms for cleaning up purposes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to promote cleaning through machines and vacuum cleaners?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (c): Use of brooms during manual sweeping may lead to resuspension of road dust and contribute to air pollution.
- (d) & (e): The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not issued any direction regarding the banning of use of brooms. However, mechanical sweeping of roads along with sprinkling of water is being promoted, particularly in areas such as Delhi and National Capital Region.
