

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3093
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

Plastic waste management and role of Gram Panchayats

3093. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that plastic waste management is one of the key objectives under Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen II (SBM-G II);
- (b) if so, the role of the Gram Panchayats in collection of plastic waste and its recycling;
- (c) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to Gram Panchayats for effectively implementing SBM-G II;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government envisages setting up of plastic waste management unit (PWMU) at block level; and
- (f) if so, the number of blocks that have operational PWMUs, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) to (f) Plastic waste management is an important component under Swachh Bharat Mission - Grameen (SBM-G) Phase-II. Under the Mission, a funding provision of up to ₹60 per capita is available for villages with a population of up to 5,000, while ₹45 per capita is available for villages with a population above 5,000, for Solid Waste Management (SWM). Additionally, Rs.16 Lakh has been provisioned for each block for setting up of Plastic Waste Management Unit at the Block level. States and UTs have been advised to ensure door-to-door collection of waste, with funding provisions for the purchase of vehicles for collection and transportation of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. Operational Guidelines prescribe for at least one (PWMU) in each block, if no clustering is possible. States/UTs have also been advised to use the urban facilities for Plastic Waste Management.

The Plastic Waste Management Rules mandate specific responsibilities on Gram Panchayats (GPs) inter alia including operationalization and coordination regarding plastic waste management in rural areas under their control. In addition, under SBM – G Phase II, the GPs lead the implementation of plastic waste management at the village level. GPs are responsible for developing a Village Action Plan (VAP) including plastic waste management in consultation with community and integrating the same with Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). The activities for plastic waste management undertaken by in the GPs include creation of awareness on plastic waste management, door-to-door collection and segregation of plastic waste for further processing. As on date, 1168 Blocks are having functional Plastic Waste Management Units. State wise list is annexed.

State/UT-wise number of Blocks having functional Plastic Waste Management Units

Sr.No.	State Name	No. of Block having functional Plastic Waste Management Units
1	A & N Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	139
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	0
5	Bihar	117
6	Chhattisgarh	40
7	D & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	0
8	Goa	0
9	Gujarat	13
10	Haryana	1
11	Himachal Pradesh	30
12	Jammu & Kashmir	51
13	Jharkhand	7
14	Karnataka	9
15	Kerala	69
16	Ladakh	22
17	Lakshadweep	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	7
19	Maharashtra	36
20	Manipur	0
21	Meghalaya	3
22	Mizoram	4
23	Nagaland	11
24	Odisha	20
25	Puducherry	2
26	Punjab	10
27	Rajasthan	0
28	Sikkim	13
29	Tamil Nadu	333
30	Telangana	29
31	Tripura	1
32	Uttar Pradesh	81
33	Uttarakhand	52
34	West Bengal	68
Total:-		1168
