

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1644  
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT IN TAMIL NADU**

**1644. SHRI I.S. INBADURAI:**

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) current status of solid-waste and legacy-dump management in urban local bodies across all districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) quantum of central funding allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (or other relevant schemes) for waste management in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) role and district-wise implementation of “Thooimai Mission” (or equivalent urban waste-management programme) in Tamil Nadu, including its institutional structure and funding; and
- (d) steps being taken by Government (both Central and State) to scale up bio-methanation plants, micro composting units and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in all districts of Tamil Nadu, and the expected timeline for completion?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

(a), (b) & (d): Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 was launched on October 1, 2021 for a period of five years with a vision of achieving Garbage Free Status for all cities through 100% source segregation, door to door collection and scientific management of all fractions of waste including safe disposal in scientific landfills and remediation of all legacy dumpsites.

Under SBM-U 2.0, Central Share of funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of receipt of action plans from States/UTs duly approved by State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) which are further transmitted to ULBs by the concerned State/UT Govt. as per their action plan.

Funds under SBM-U 2.0 are allocated for the entire mission period and not on yearly basis. State of Tamil Nadu has been allocated an amount of ₹3296.70 Cr under SBM-U 2.0, out of which ₹807.40 Cr have been earmarked for SWM component. So far, action plan of ₹2574.65 Cr having Central Share of ₹747.58 Cr have been approved under SWM component of SBM-U 2.0. It includes Waste to composting plants of 2492.5 tonnes per day (TPD), bio-methanation plants of 2012 TPD, Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) of 5,563 TPD, Waste to Electricity plants of 1500 TPD, Sanitary Landfill (SLF) of 1765.66 TPD, Transfer station of 1,000 TPD, Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste processing plants of 325 TPD, remediation of 1.80 Cr Metric Ton (MT) of legacy waste alongwith 23 Mechanical Road Sweepers.

To support the States/ULBs, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) provide policy directions, financial and technical support by sharing Manuals/Standard of Procedures (SoPs) on Solid Waste Management and issue various Advisories & Guidelines time to time for choosing appropriate technologies to manage solid waste. The selection of treatment technologies is open to ULBs/State Governments.

(c): As per information received from State Government of Tamil Nadu, “Thooimai Mission” is a State Government initiative with a comprehensive approach to Solid Waste Management (SWM) by establishing a broader policy framework, mobilizing funds, issuing guidelines for inter-departmental coordination, and regularly reviewing and monitoring progress on solid waste management. This Mission is to develop pilot projects that demonstrate best practices and set measurable benchmarks for effective solid waste management. It has (i) State level governing council headed by the Chief Minister of State comprising Deputy Chief Minister as Vice-Chairman and various department Ministers including experts as Members, (ii) District level committee headed by District Collector and (iii) a body at Local level for implementation of waste management activities. This Mission implemented across Tamil Nadu is responsible for waste collection, transportation, and processing to supplement waste management in Urban and Rural Local Bodies as per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Tamil Nadu Government has allocated a one-time grant of Rs.10 crore to Clean Tamil Nadu Company Limited (CTCL) to support the Thooimai Mission. This fund is utilized for the regular administration, human resources, and monitoring of the mission.

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