

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 09/03/2026**

DRAP INITIATIVE

1837. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the framework and the budget allocated for Dumpsite Remediation Acceleration Programme (DRAP) initiative;
- (b) the timeline fixed to achieve the targets of DRAP;
- (c) the amount of funds spent on clearing of legacy landfills till date along with the results thereof; and
- (d) the financial assistance as well as technical assistance provided to cities to carry out this initiative?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A total of 2488 dumpsites (with more than 1000 tonne of waste) having nearly 25 Cr. Metric Tonnes (MT) of legacy waste have been identified for remediation. As reported by States/UTs on Swachhatam portal, 1138 dumpsites have been remediated completely and 1020 sites are under progress. So far, 15.51 Cr. MT (62%) of waste has been remediated and 8484.15 Acres land has been reclaimed.

Dumpsite Remediation Acceleration Programme (DRAP) is an initiative to fast-track remediation of 214 legacy waste dumpsites which account for 80% of the remaining legacy waste and reclaim land for productive urban use, while preventing creation of new dumpsites, DRAP covers 200 ULBs for 100% remediation of 214 difficult dumpsites. The timeline given for remediation is upto September, 2026.

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved Central Financial Assistance of ₹4,206 crore for projects worth ₹10,308 Cr, benefiting 2,488 ULBs across 29 States/UTs for legacy dumpsite remediation. Additionally, under DRAP initiative, the Ministry will provide additional financial assistance to cities based on their micro-plan on case-to-case basis, considering an estimate of ₹550 per tonne for legacy waste remediation. Further, each city has been encouraged to forge one or more partnerships i.e. corporate/PSUs/NGOs as per requirement for support in financing, logistics, technical, utilization & disposal, community engagement & awareness etc.

The ministry also extends technical support by sharing manuals/Standard of Procedures (SoPs) on Solid Waste Management that helps in planning and execution of solid waste management initiatives.
