

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1220**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017**

**Environmental Educational Awareness for Rag Pickers**

1220. SHRI KUNDARIYA:  
MOHAN BHAI:  
KALYANJI BHAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start environment educational awareness course for the rag pickers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (c) In supersession of Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has notified Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The Rule mandates the Secretary-in-charge, Urban Development in the States and Union territories to start a scheme on registration of waste pickers and waste dealers. Further, the local authorities and village panchayats of census towns and urban agglomerations have been mandated to provide training on solid waste management to waste-pickers and waste collectors.

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