GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1229 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017

Dumping of Industrial Waste

1229. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether there are major health problems due to dumping of industrial waste on ground and in water bodies and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding dumping of industrial waste on ground and in water bodies during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether any measures are taken by the Government during the said period to control this menace and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Industrial wastes, some of which may be hazardous in nature, may pose a potential hazard to the human health and environment if not properly treated, stored, transported or disposed of.
- (b) & (c) Industrial waste disposal is regulated through norms related to emissions/ effluent for various sectors, besides rules related to Solid Waste Management, Construction & Demolition Wastes, Biomedical Waste, Plastic Waste, e-Waste and Hazardous Waste. Compliance with these rules is monitored by State Pollution Control Boards/ Pollution Control Committees and action is taken in cases of violation by them. As such, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) does not maintain data related to dumping against rules/ statutes. The Rules lay down provisions related to authorization for generation, transportation, storage, disposal etc. of hazardous and other Waste, liability of occupier, importer, or exporter and operator of a disposal facility, etc.
