

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

e-Waste Recycling Units

6661. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has asked the forest departments of all the States to be more vigilant and enhance forest protection and monitoring systems especially in the areas of charcoal industries to prevent any illegal felling of trees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his ministry has also requested the Governments of States and Union Territories to take up the matter with all industries using wood-charcoal to explore possibilities of adopting the alternatives suggested by the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) In compliance to the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its order dated 09.10.2017 in the Original Application No. 489/ 2014 (M.A.No.803/2014 & M.A.No.934/2015) in the matter of Indian Institute of Sustainable Development versus Union of India & others, this Ministry has requested all the State Forest Departments to be more vigilant and enhance the forest protection and monitoring system especially in the areas of charcoal industries in an effort to prevent any illegal felling of trees for the purpose of charcoal making. State Forest Departments were also requested to monitor the source of wood for charcoal industries.

Further, the State/UT Governments were requested to take up the matter with all industries using wood-charcoal to explore possibilities of adopting the alternatives suggested by Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) in their report. The State/UT Governments were also requested to ensure that the process of wood-charcoal do not violate any prescribed environmental regulations/norms.
