

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 487**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

**Setting up of Resource Efficiency Cell**

487. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes setting up of a resource efficiency cell to focus on waste management & resource efficiency especially for packaging waste in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said cell has been constituted; and
- (d) if so, the detailed list of the members of the cell ?

**ANSWER**

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

(a), (b) & (c) Yes. Resource Efficiency Cell has been constituted in the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 to recommend appropriate policy and legislative framework and suggest an action plan for achieving resource efficiency and to promote utilization of secondary resources that will contribute towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals. This cell will coordinate between all agencies involved with development of Resource Efficiency Strategy. Presently, there is no proposal of resource efficiency especially for packaging waste in the country.

(d) The Resource Efficiency Cell is headed by Shri Nikunja Kishore Sundaray, Joint Secretary in the Ministry. The other Members are Shri Sharath Kumar Pallerla, Scientist 'F', Ms Shruti Rai Bhardwaj, Scientist 'E', Shri Amardeep Raju, Scientist "D". Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director is convener.

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