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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES FOR SWACHH BHARAT PROGRAMME

“Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) on 2.10.2014 which provides financial assistance to the extent of 35% (revised) of project cost. MoHUA is handholding the States and UTs in all aspects of implementing SBM and Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2016. MoHUA is mandated to take periodic review of the measures taken by the states and local bodies for improving their solid waste management practices. Thereby, MoHUA is supporting the States and UTs in formulating policy and strategy by deputing officials to the State Committees and assisting them in drawing their State Policies and strategies in consonance with the SWM Rules 2016. Further, MoHUA has also published the revised Municipal Solid Waste Management Manual, 2016 which is in compliance with the SWM Rules, 2016.

The SWM Rules, 2016 mandate the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to co-ordinate with State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and review the implementation of the Rules. CPCB has issued directions to the secretary-in-charge of state urban development departments of all States/UTs for implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and to constitute State Level Advisory Body (SLAB). CPCB has also issued directions to the commissioners of municipal authorities of 53 metro-cities and 18 state capitals and specifically to Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to direct various authorities of Delhi such as East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), North Delhi Municipal Corporation, New Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB) to ensure structural stability of landfill sites.

The SWM Rules, 2016 mandate all resident welfare and market associations, gated communities, institutions, hotels, restaurants, vegetable, fruit, flower, meat, poultry and fish market to ensure segregation of waste at source. Further, the Rules prescribe that as far as possible the biodegradable waste shall be processed, treated and disposed off through composting or bi-methanation within the premises. The gas so generated may be used for cooking or for the production of electricity, heat/ light”.

This information was given by Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha.

## INDIA RANKED 60<sup>th</sup> MOST INNOVATIVE COUNTRY ON THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX-2017

India currently ranks 60<sup>th</sup> out of 127 countries on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017 as compared to 66<sup>th</sup> rank on GII 2016. In order to make India an innovation- driven economy, NITI Aayog, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) together launched a mega initiative “India Innovation Index” that will rank states on Innovations through country’s first online innovation index portal that will capture data on innovation from all Indian states on innovation and regularly update it in real time.

Further, the Smart India Hackathon and Smart India Hardware Hackathon have been launched to improve the innovative abilities of the students in the Higher Education Institutions. The Smart India Hackathon has received huge response when it was launched in 2017 and this would be continued as annual event.

The Government is also promoting research parks (RPs) and technology business incubators (TBIs) which would nurture and promote the innovative ideas till they become commercial ventures.

The projects for promoting research and innovation like the IMPRINT and Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) have brought focused attention of the scientific community on the need for promoting innovation.

The Start up India initiative of the Government has also put in place a mechanism for identifying and incubating the innovative ideas.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satya Pal Singh in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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