

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN TOURIST PLACES

127. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any initiatives to address solid waste management issues at tourist places of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the recorded positive outcomes of these initiatives, and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to collaborate with State Governments to enhance solid waste management efforts and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating in Hospitality Facilities, based on their compliance to Safe Sanitation practices. This rating system has been designed in line with the Travel for Life commitment of Ministry of Tourism under Mission LiFE and will bring in voluntary but focused efforts from the tourism and hospitality sector for achieving sanitation targets embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals. The safe sanitation practices under the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating system are expected to enhance awareness and collaborative achievements for common goals in the tourism hospitality sector as follows:

- i. Improved and safe sanitation facilities and Faecal Sludge Management in these facilities.**
- ii. Segregation of solid waste at source and promoting sustainable forward linkages.**
- iii. Litter free facilities.**
- iv. Encouraging 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recharge) in Grey Water Management for circularity and resource sustainability.**
- v. Promoting alternatives to single use plastics.**

It is envisioned that this Rating System would be taken forward through active public participation of hospitality facilities such as Resorts, Hotels, Homestays, and Dharmshalas, with or without restaurants, to voluntarily engage and contribute towards cleaner and more sustainable tourism practices in India. It is further expected that the operators of these hospitality facilities will develop adequate infrastructure, adopt good practices, and provide support in creating awareness on sanitation and cleanliness as a part of responsible tourism.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), 100 iconic heritages, spiritual and cultural places in the country are to be taken for a special clean-up campaign as Swachh Iconic Places (SIP). In four phases, 39 Iconic Places have been selected as of now and out of these 39 sites total 29 sites have been mapped with Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) partners. The SIP was launched with the vision of Clean India at the cultural heritage Sites with high footfalls. The objective of SIP is to achieve a distinctly higher level of Sanitation/Cleanliness at these places, especially on the peripheries and in approach areas. This project is being coordinated by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with Union Ministries Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, State/UT Government, Municipal and local agencies with support from leading Public Sector Undertakings and Private Companies through CSR funds.
