CABRAL STRESSES FOR POLICING SYSTEM TO MANAGE C& D WASTE IN GOA

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Minister for Environment Shri.Nilesh Cabral today stressing upon the need for identifying proper machinery for scientific disposal of construction and demolition waste expressed that there has to be a policing system in place involving the people to prevent its haphazard dumping causing environmental problems.

Shri. Cabral was speaking at a workshop on Environment friendly handling and recovery of construction and demolition wastes in Goa organized by Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) Research Triangle Institute (RTI), India, Resilient Energy and SINTEF, Norway held at Goa State Pollution Control Board, Saligao.

Shri. Cabral further informed that, Government in collaboration with SINTEF, Norway is in the process to set up a Construction and Demolition waste treatment plant at Mapusa. The proposed treatment plant will be significant in scientific management and disposal of construction debris and other waste in the State, he said.

Shri. Cabral, who also holds the PWD portfolio, announced that, PWD Department will implement the measures and proper disposal techniques in its construction activities to curb the menace of construction waste.

Consul General, Consulate General of Norway in India Shri. Arne Jan Flolo in his address appreciated the efforts of Goa Waste Management Corporation for adopting the Norwegian technology through SINTEF, Norway for scientific handling of C & D waste in the State.

Chief Scientist, SINTEF, Norway Dr. Christian J. Engelsen informed about various aspects about the C&D waste handling, recycling and scientific management.

Secretary, Science and Technology and Waste Management Shri. Ramesh Verma, IAS stated that, there has to be a holistic approach towards handling of C&D waste. Earlier people never considered C&D waste as separate waste, so did not treat this waste in a scientific manner. Now there is a lot of awareness and we need to understand every aspect with the involvement of all stakeholders and have proper management of C&D waste in the State.

Chairman, Goa State Pollution Control Board appreciating the GWMC team for organizing the seminar on the subject stressed upon exploring the idea of recycling of mining waste into bricks for construction.

Managing Director, GWMC Dr.Levinson Martins gave welcome remarks.

Director, RTI Dr. GauravBhatianiproposed vote of thanks.

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