

**WEBINAR ON MANAGING COVID19 BIOMEDICAL WASTE**  
**JUNE 30, 3:00 – 4:30 PM (IST)**

**Questions for Panel Discussion**

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1	How does CPCB plan to increase the number of stakeholders using the COVID-19 BWM application?	Smt. Youthika
2	168 out of 198 CBWTF's reportedly used the app in May 2021, what are the challenges they face in reporting the numbers?	Shri Asad Warsi
3	What were the key findings of the study conducted by toxics link in Surat and Delhi?	Shri Satish Sinha
4	There have been reports of burning of PPE kits in the incinerators due to poor segregation of waste, how does it affect the efficiency of the incinerators?-	Shri Syed Fareed Uddin
5	How has the COVID-19 related biomedical waste generated from quarantine centres/ households managed, particularly in the second wave?	Smt. Youthika
6	Why is the barcoding of biomedical waste and COVID-19 waste not followed by majority of the states? What are the bottlenecks in its implementation?	Shri Asad Warsi
7	What are the bottlenecks in linking CEMS to the prescribed authorities' servers, and what is the compliance status and reliability of the data recorded by these systems	Shri Satish Sinha
8	In the current scenario, based on the learning we had in the second wave, what do you think are the steps needed at policy, infrastructure, and implementation level to tackle the third wave?	Shri Syed Fareed Uddin
9	While the caseload in the second wave increased over two fold in most of the states, the COVID-19 waste generation drastically reduced. Was it because of increased segregation of COVID-19 waste as claimed by CPCB or lack of enforcement by ULB's and SPCB's/PCC's?	Smt. Youthika
10	What were the most common problems faced by the CBWTF's operators during the pandemic and from an operator's perspective, was management of COVID-19 waste easier or difficult in the second wave?	Shri Asad Warsi Shri Syed Fareed Uddin
11	A lot of households reportedly did not receive any support from ULB's in the second wave, as per the guidelines. What are your thoughts about the same?	Shri Satish Sinha
12	What is the actual processing/ incineration capacity	Smt. Youthika

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	of our country? What about the cities/panchayats that do not have a CBWTF's at a distance of 75 kms, how do they manage their waste?	
13	According to the data released by CPCB, the treatment capacity is extremely high in some of the UT's/ states despite not having a CBWTF. In absence of a CBWTF's, how are they managing their waste.	Smt. Youthika
14	There are reports which suggests these waste never reach the CBWTF's. Does the biomedical waste generated from independent vaccination centres reach the CBWTF's?	Shri Satish Sinha
15	Will waste from vaccination be considered as COVID-19 waste or regular biomedical waste? Where and how will it be discarded, in which bags and what treatment will it receive?	Smt. Youthika