

# Waste Rules in India

## Laws and Policies Include Wastepickers and Kabaris in Solid Waste Management

### **Ragpickers must be converted into doorstep waste collectors**

- Summary from The Supreme Court accepted recommendations of the Report of the Committee constituted by the Supreme Court in 1999 (Solid Waste Management in Class 1 Cities in India). Points 3.4.7 and 3.4.8 (Pg. 34)

### **Collection centre means a centre established individually or jointly or a registered society or a designated agency or a company or an association to collect e-waste.**

- Electronic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011. The rules include the informal sector by emphasizing that associations can also act as collection centres, with the understanding that associations are a form of informal sector organization.

### **Give legal recognition to, and strengthen the informal sector systems of collection and recycling of various materials. In particular enhance their access to institutional finance and relevant technologies.**

- The National Environment Policy, 2006, (Section 5.2.8, point (e), Pg. 36)

### **While the informal sector is the backbone of India's highly successful recycling system, unfortunately a number of municipal regulations impede the operation of the recyclers, owing to which they remain at a tiny scale without access to finance or improved recycling technologies**

- The National Action Plan for Climate Change, 2009. Mission on Urban Sustainability.

### **Municipality must engage agencies or groups working in waste management including waste pickers.**

- Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, in Section 6 (c)

### **MOEF/states should consider providing legal recognition to rag pickers so that recycling work becomes more organized and also ensure better working conditions for them.**

- The CAG Audit on Municipal Solid Waste in India (December 2008) (Chapter 3, Section 3.5)



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