

A Brief summary of the initiatives taken by PCBA so far for implementation of E-waste (Management and Handling) Rule, 2011.

In order to ensure proper implementation of the E- Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 which has come to effect from 1st May, 2012 the Board has undertaken various activities in resonance with the responsibilities entrusted upon The SPCBs as per provisions of the Rule.

- The inventorization of E-waste is in progress and for this the Board has been carrying out correspondence with the Bulk-Consumers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Producers selling Electrical and Electronic Equipment and authorized Collection centers.

On the basis of the annual return we have found that the producers have generated around 56 MT of E-waste, The Bulk Consumers have generated 17 MT of E-waste. However Some Bulk Consumers and Major Producers have not submitted their annual returns. Correspondences with these occupiers are in process and the Board shall come up with a proper inventory of The E-waste Generated in the State of Assam.

- The Board has granted Authorization three (3) nos. of collections centers so far for channelization of E-waste in Assam.

These are –

- a) M/s J.S Pigments Pvt.Ltd.,Vill:Amsing Jorabat, Mouza: Panbari, P.O- Satgaon, Dist: Kamrup(M), Assam.
- b) M/s Integrated Systems and Services,PanBazar,Guwahati-781001.
- c) Sri Hemen Kalita, Ananda Nagar, Noonmati, Guwahati.

The Board has issued terms and conditions to these Collection centres in order to ensure environmentally sound handling of E-waste.

- No Dismantler or Recycler of E-waste have sought authorisation from the Board so far.
- The Board has Published advertisements (vide office order No.WB/OTWA/E-waste-1/12-13/23 dated 19th April,2013) in local News papers(namely Assam tribune,Dainik Janambhumi,Samayik Prasanga) directing Collection centres ,Dismantlers and Recyclers of e-waste to comply with the provisions of the rule and apply for authorization from the board.
- The Board has produced an audio visual(quickie) for awareness generation among the masses so that E-waste may be handled in a sound manner thereby ensuring proper implementation of the rules.This audio visual has been aired in the local news as well as entertainment Channels.