

E-WASTE RECYCLING HAS DOUBLED, SAYS CENTRE

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The Centre said it doubled the electronic waste (e-waste) it recycled in 2018-19 over 2017-18, according to a response to a question in the Rajya Sabha this week.

In 2017, the Centre passed the E-Waste Management Rules, which require companies to collect a certain percentage of e-waste generated from their goods once they have reached their “end-of-life”.

In FY 2017-2018, 7,08,445 tonnes of waste was generated, of which 69,414 tonnes were recycled, compared to 1,64,663 tonnes of recycled waste from 7,71,215 tonnes in FY 2018-2019— meaning a 10% recycling rate in 2017-18 rising to a little over 20% in 2018-19.

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