An international workshop on "Securing Sustainable Resource Utilization and Reuse of Secondary Raw Materials by Fostering Resource Efficiency" was jointly organised by this Ministry and GIZ on 17.11.2015 at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi. The Workshop was chaired by Shri A.K. Mehta, Joint Secretary (IC), MoEF&CC. A presentation was made by the Chairman.

The Resource Efficiency project (Fostering Resource Efficiency and Secondary Raw Material Management) is a joint programme of MoEF&CC and GIZ which aims at formulation of a strategic framework fostering improvement of resource efficiency and promote secondary raw material utilization. Two sectors (already identified) due to their high volume of resource consumption and high expected growth rates are 'Automotive' and 'Construction & Demolition'.

An Indian Resource Panel (InRP) has been constituted with an objective to contribute towards agenda setting for overall legislative framework, provide policy recommendations to the Govt. of India and to develop an action plan to promote material resource efficiency and utilization of secondary resources thereby making an important contribution towards a closed loop recycling economy in the country. The following are the Members of the InRP.

- 1. Mr. Viswanath N Anand (Former Secretary, MoEFCC)
- 2. Mr. R. H. Khawaja (Former Secretary, MoEFCC)
- 3. Mr. Tishyarakshit Chatterjee, (Former Secretary, MoEFCC)
- 4. Mr. Prodipto Ghosh, (Former Secretary, MoEFCC)
- 5. Mr. Ashok Khosla, Development Alternatives
- 6. Mr. Ajay Mathur, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE
- 7. Mr. Ravi Agarwal, Toxics Link
- 8. Ms. SunitaNarain, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
- 9. Ms. Seema Arora, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- 10. Mr. Prasad Modak, Environment Management Centre (EMC)

India is first country to constitute such a Panel at national level and as it is expected that by the end of the project (July 2017) the Panel will come up with legislative framework on Resource Material and Secondary Raw Material Utilisation in the country.