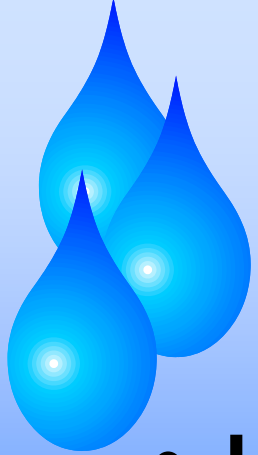


# India Roundtables on SCP

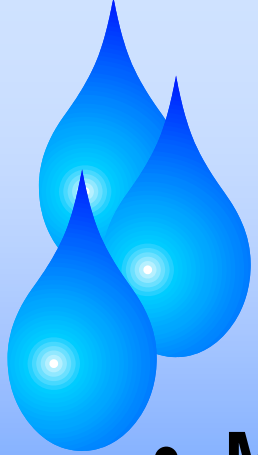
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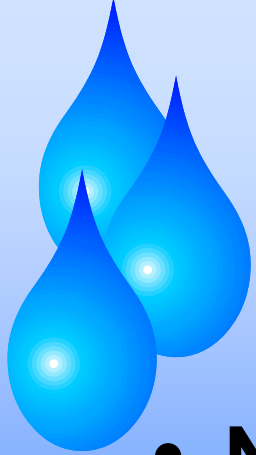
# Scenario 2006

- **Little knowledge of SCP**
- **Even less knowledge of Marrakech Process**
- **Another term for Sustainable Development**  
– **what is the difference ?**
- **Curiosity**



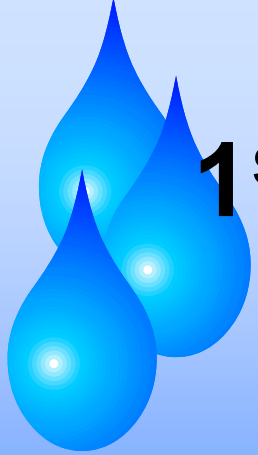
# **Firm but isolated initiatives**

- **Mass urban transit (Metro Rail) in Delhi**
- **Conversion of all public transport in Delhi to run on CNG**
- **Higher tax rates on pvt vehicles of over 1200 cc**
- **Ban on 2-stroke engines for 2-wheeled vehicles**
- **Creation of Bureau of Energy Efficiency**
- **Mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment for new projects above specified size**



# Problem Areas

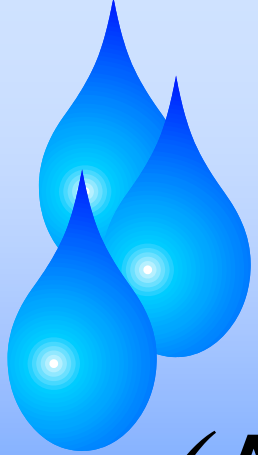
- **Not looked at from an SCP perspective**
- **NCPC had become somewhat quiescent**
- **CSR movement emphasised social (labour-related) problems**
- **Nil emphasis on sustainable consumption – ecolabelling scheme dormant**
- **“Over-riding” concerns – exports, energy, food security, political imperatives**



# **1<sup>st</sup> India Roundtable, Mumbai, Sept 2006**

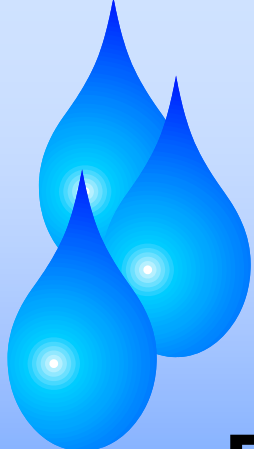
## **OBJECTIVES**

- **Initiate a national dialogue on SCP**
- **Increase awareness of the Marrakech Process**
- **Table and agree Indian SCP priorities**
- **Pave the way for action plans**
- **Short-list modes of implementation**



# Indian SCP Priorities

- ✓ **Agriculture**
- ✓ **Energy**
- ✓ **Waste, particularly e-waste**
- ✓ **Water resources**
- ✓ **Consumer demand**



# **Overall Conclusions – 1<sup>st</sup> Roundtable**

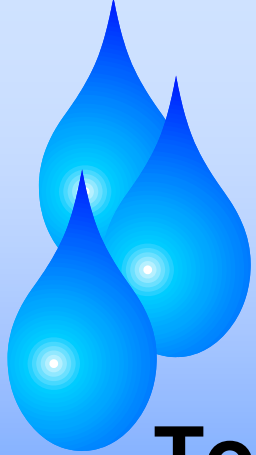
- **Broad agreement on SCP Priorities**
- **Key issues in each priority area listed, along with possible route-maps for progress**
- **Not definitive; excellent “first round” but greater & more in-depth discussions needed**



# **2<sup>nd</sup> India Roundtable, Delhi, Dec 2007**

## **Objectives**

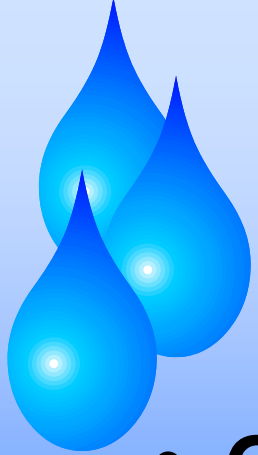
- 1. Strengthen key stakeholders' understanding of the importance of SCP at national and sectoral levels.**
- 2. Exchange experience on “key sector” action plans.**
- 3. Initiate processes towards development of National SCP Action Plan**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> India Roundtable**

**Took conscious decision to focus on**

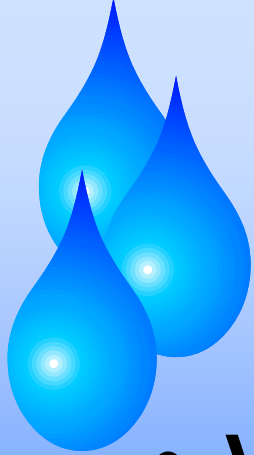
- **Waste – integrated waste management**
- **Water Resources – utilisation efficiency**
- **Consumer Demand**



# 2<sup>nd</sup> India Roundtable Realisation

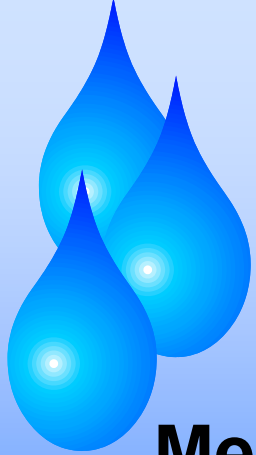
- **Government is the prime mover**
- **“Government” comprises sectoral Ministries with specific portfolio/mandate**
- **Must get “buy-in” from each Ministry**
- **Role of Planning Commission**

- \* **Invitees were experts in their respective sectors**
- \* **Private sector was keen and active participant**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable - Conclusions**

- **Very detailed recommendations for each sector**
- **Ministries participated in the formulation of the recommendations**
- **Sectoral approach was justified: Training Workshop on Action Plans (June '08) incorporated this approach.**



# **What Next ?**

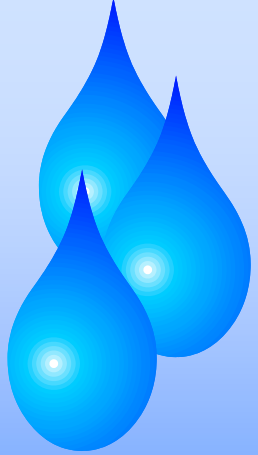
**Meeting between Marrakech Task Forces and South Asia in Nov 2008, New Delhi**

**Possible commencement of YouthXchange**

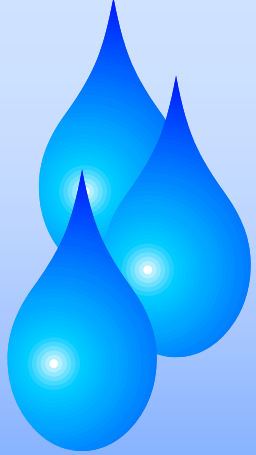
**Possible follow-up (3<sup>rd</sup>) Roundtable in 2009**

**Revival of Ecomark scheme ?**

**Need for India to prepare for CSD 2010/11**



**QUESTIONS ?**



**THANK YOU**

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