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Title: Regarding ban on single use plastic-laid.

**SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI (ELURU):** Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced a total ban on single use plastic. The Government is dragging its feet on implementation. A ban on plastic is good for domestic economy. Plastic as we all know is from fossil fuel which is 100% imported while the substitutes are paper, metal, glasses etc which are all available locally. This will help create local demand and decentralize economic activity like plastic wrappers for cigarette packets, packaging alcohol etc. Here plastic is used as cheap resource to preserve life of 10 or 20 cigarette while it sucks life out of people and planet.

Hence, I request the Government to start with ban on single use plastic for goods that contribute to ill health.