

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding increasing environmental pollution caused by micro and macro level usage of plastic and related products.

SHRIMATI MALA ROY (KOLKATA DAKSHIN): I would like to draw the hon. Minister's attention to the ever-increasing environmental threat posed by both micro and macro level usage of plastics and related products and their toxic effects resulting in pollution at every level, be it air, water, land, ground water or for that matter, visual pollution as well. All over India and beyond, plastic garbage has caused tremendous choking of sewage and drainage systems resulting in severe health hazards, water borne diseases and epidemics.

While we acknowledge that something needs to be done immediately, steps taken by the Central Government are far from reality. Only announcing a nation-wide plastic ban will always turn out to be futile unless we provide viable and sustainable alternatives to the common people.

Financial penalty is no solution to this behavioural menace. My humble request to the Ministry is to evaluate this problem more seriously and dedicate more research to come out with alternatives like glass, wax coated cloth, fibre cloth, wood, bamboo, earthen pots, etc., as applicable. That will not only be eco-friendly but it will also be addressing the need of the common people.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: इस विषय पर आज डिटेल चर्चा है, जिस पर बोलने के लिए आपकी पार्टी की तरफ से उनको मौका दे दूंगा । आपका माइक चालू है । आप

बोलना शुरू कीजिए । आप अपनी बात शुरू कीजिए । अगर माइक शुरू नहीं होगा, तो हम आपको पूरा समय देंगे । आप अपनी सीट पर जाकर बोलिए ।

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI): Sir, it is not at all working.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: आप माला राय जी की सीट से बोल रहे हैं । आप अपनी सीट पर जाकर बोलिए । अगर आपको सीट पता नहीं है, तो हम आपको सीट बता देंगे । अब भी आप अपनी सीट पर नहीं है । आप अपनी सीट पर जाकर बोलिए ।

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE: Sir, that is my seat.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: आप अपनी सीट पर जाकर बोलिए । माइक चालू कराने की जिम्मेदारी हमारी है । जब आप अपनी सीट पर जाएंगे, तब हम माइक चालू कराएंगे । अगर माइक चालू नहीं होगा, तो हम व्यवस्था को ठीक करेंगे । यह हमारी जिम्मेदारी है ।