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Title: Regarding plastic waste management.

**SHRI RITESH PANDEY (AMBEDKAR NAGAR):** According to the Central Pollution Control Board, India generates 26,000 tonnes of plastic waste every day. Plastic bans haven't worked because of lax implementation, and the government's target of phasing out single-use plastic by 2022 seems to be a mirage.

The need of the hour is to speed towards becoming a circular economy, an economic system that treats waste as a material resource for further production. Through sustainable public-private partnerships, we need to promote growth, investment, and job-creation in the circular economy:

India has enterprises that can turn plastic packaging into fabrics, shoes, roads, toys, and even houses, and we have R&D underway for much more in the interest of our future generations. I would like to urge Government Ministries and Departments to work together to adopt and implement solutions that treat the plastic waste management not as a problem but as a solution to boosting jobs, growth, and innovation.