

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Use of Plastic in Packaging Industry

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the single use plastic has been completely banned across the country, if so, the details there of State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Corona Virus has resulted in increased dependence on single use plastic;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to make the nation free from single-use plastic;
- (d) whether the Government noticed the acute shortage and non-availability of alternatives to single use plastics and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken to ensure the enough availability of alternative items in affordable price; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ban the use of plastic in the packaging industry to prevent environmental degradation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): The Ministry had notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, vide GSR NO. 571 (E) on 12th August 2021, in the Gazette of India, prohibiting the following identified single use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential with effect from the 1st July, 2022. Further, over and above the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended, thirty four states/UTs have issued notifications/orders to introduce regulations pertaining to complete or partial ban on plastic carry bags and/or identified single-use plastic items. The details are annexed.

(b) The Government has from time to time issued guidelines/ standard operating procedures (SOPs) on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID 19. These guidelines/SOPs inter alia include use of personal protective equipment and face covers/masks. The Central Pollution Control Board has issued "Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of

Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients” including disposal of personal protective equipment including waste masks and gloves.

(c): All thirty six States/UTs have constituted the Special Task Force under Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary/Administrator for elimination of single use plastics and effective implementation of PWMR, 2016. A National Level Taskforce has also been constituted by the Ministry in this regard. The State /UT Governments and concerned Central Ministries/Departments have also been requested to develop a comprehensive action plan and implement it in a time bound manner. The Government of India provides additional central assistance to the States/UTs under the Swachh Bharat Mission for solid waste management including plastic waste management. Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 has specific focus on elimination of single use plastics.

(d) & (e): The comprehensive action plan of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for elimination of single use plastics includes providing support to MSME units with respect to technology upgradation, creating awareness, marketing support, infrastructural support for adopting alternatives to banned single use plastic items, through various schemes of the Ministry. The States and UTs have also been asked to provide incentives for promotion alternatives, as part comprehensive action plan template shared with them.

(f): The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also notified the Guidelines on the Extended Producer Responsibility for plastic packaging vide Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2022, on 16th February, 2022. The prescriptions of mandatory targets for reuse of rigid plastic packaging, minimum level of recycling of plastic packaging waste and use of recycled plastic content in plastic packaging, will promote circular economy and reduce plastic foot print of plastic packaging thus preventing environmental degradation.

Annexure

Notification for banning manufacture, use, sale import and handling of single use plastic products

(Based on the data available in submitted Annual reports by SPCBs/PCCs)

S. No	Name of State/UT	Complete or Partial Ban	Date of Gazette or Executive Order	Remarks
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Complete ban	02.08.2010 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, distribution, transportation, recycle, sell & use of plastic carry bags.
2	Andhra Pradesh	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Complete ban	03.07.2012 (Executive Order)	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, sell& use of polythene/plastic carry bags
4	Assam	Complete Ban	30.04.2019 (Gazette)	Plastic carry bags, banners, buntings, cups, cling films, flex, flags, plates, sheets (used for spreading on dining tables irrespective of thickness) including the above items made of thermocol and plastic which use plastic micro beads.
5	Bihar	Complete ban	11.12.2018 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, sell& use of plastic carry bags
6	Chandigarh	Complete ban	30.07.2008 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, storage, import, sale, use transportation & disposal of plastic carry bags
7	Chhattisgarh	Complete ban	24.12.2014 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, recycle, sell & use of polythene/plastic carry bags.
8	Daman Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli	Complete ban	24-01-2014 & 22.09.2017 (Gazette)	Forbidding the use, sale/ storage of all kinds of plastic bags
9	Delhi	Complete ban	23.10.2012 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, import, store, sell & use of plastic products (poly Propylene, non-woven fabric type carry bags), plastic film or plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
10	Goa	Partial ban	16.03.2015	Government imposed ban on Manufacture, stock, import, transportation, recycle, sale & use of plastic (carry bags, cups, forks, paper plates, spoons) in ChorlaGhat area Mandi Wildlifesanctuaries .
11	Gujarat	Partial ban	28.06.2011 (Gazette)	Complete ban on plastic products in Gandhi Nagar
12	Haryana	Complete ban	20.08.2013 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, stock, import, transportation, recycle, sell & use of plastic (carry bags, cups, forks, paper plates, straws, spoons& containers for the usage of foodstuffs)

13	Himachal Pradesh	Complete Ban	07-07-2009 & 13-08-2009 (Gazette)	Complete ban on use of Carry bags (irrespective of size), polythene, non-biodegradable material, disposable plastic cups, plates, and glasses
14	Jammu & Kashmir	Complete Ban	03.01.2017 (SRO 45 order-Notification) Jammu District Magistrate has on 01.10.2020 ordered strict enforcement of SRO 45 notification.	Complete ban on manufacture, stocking, distribution, sale and use of polyethylene carry bags, plastic sheets or like, cover made of plastic sheet, plastic packaging and multilayered packaging less than fifty microns in thickness within territorial limits of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
15	Jharkhand	Complete Ban	17.10.2017 (Gazette)	Complete ban on manufacture, import, storage, transport, sell and usage of plastic carry bags in the whole State
16	Karnataka	Complete ban	11.03.2016 (Gazette)	State government banned the plastic banners, buntings, carry bags (plastic & compostable), cups, cling films, flex, flags, plates, spoons & sheets made of plastic or Thermocol and microbeads usage in the entire state
17	Kerala	01.01.2020 (Executive Order)	22.11.2010 (Executive Order)	Complete ban on the manufacture, storage, transport and sale of plastic carry bags(irrespective of thickness); plastic sheets(used as table spread); plates, cups and decorative materials made of thermocol/stryrofoam; SUP items like cups, plates, dishes, spoons, forks, straw, stirrer; plastic coated paper cups, plastic coated paper plates, plastic coated paper bowls, plastic coated paper bags; Non woven bags, plastic flags, plastic bunting; plstic water pouches, non branded plastic juice packets ; plastic juice packets; PET/PETE bottles of drinking water of capacities less than 500 ml; garbage bags (plastic); PVC flex materials and plastic packets.
18	Ladakh	Partial Ban	(Order no-40-LA (GAD) of 2020 dated 23.06.2020)	Ban on the use of plastic water bottles and other plastic made objects in Government offices and other institutions
19	Lakshadweep	Complete ban	25.01.2019 (Gazette)	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags of all thickness, plastic coated carry bags, plastic flags, plastic sheets/films used for wrapping, plastic sheets used as dining table covers, thermocol cups and plates, plastic coated paper cups and plates, plastic teacups, plastic tumblers, plastic teacups, water pouches/packets/PET plastic water bottles, straws,
20	Madhya	Complete	24-05-2017	Production, Storage, Transportation, sale & use

	Pradesh	ban	(Gazette)	of plastic carrybags.
21	Maharashtra	Complete Ban	23-03-2018 (Gazette) Amendment 11th April, 2018	Complete ban in the whole State for manufacture, usage, sale storage, transport, and distribution, wholesale & retail, import of the plastic & compostable bags and the disposable products manufactured from plastic & thermocol (polystyrene) - disposable dish/spoon, cups, bowl, container, fork, plates, glasses, straw, non-woven polypropylene bags, cups/pouches.
22	Manipur	Complete Ban	12.9.2017 Notification no. 56/38/99 for&Envt	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags
23	Meghalaya	Partial Ban	16.2.2017 Notification No. MPCB/TB- 144B/2016- 2017/79	Use and sale of plastic bags less than 50 microns has been prohibited and public notice has been issued
24	Mizoram	Partial Ban	With effect from 1.8.2019 By Aizwal Municipal Corporation	Complete ban on plastic carry bags below 50 microns
25	Nagaland	Complete ban	01.01.2004 (Gazette)	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags
26	Odisha	Partial ban	29.09.2018 (Executive Order)	Ban on use and sale of plastic carry bags, bottled drinking water Polyethylene Terephthalate bottles of less than 200 ml capacity; SUP disposable cutleries like thermocol (polystyrene), dish/spoon, cups, bowl, container, fork, glasses & plates in Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Cuttack, Puri, Rourkela & Sambalpur
27	Puducherry	Complete ban	30.07.2019	(i) Polythene/Plastic/Polypropylene carry bags; (ii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) cups; (iii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) plates; (iv) Plastic sheet pouches used for cooked food wrapping; (v) Plastic sheets used for spreading on dining table; (vi) Water pouches; (vii) Plastic straw; (viii) Plastic flag.
28	Punjab	Complete ban	18.02.2016 (Gazette)	Complete ban on Manufacture, stock, distribute, recycle, sale & use of plastic carry bags.
29	Rajasthan	Complete ban	01.08.2010 (Gazette)	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags
30	Sikkim	Complete ban	19.05.2016 (Gazette)	Complete ban on sale & use, storage of disposable items (cups, plates, spoons, containers, etc..) made from Styrofoam.
31	Tamil Nadu	Complete	01.01.2019	Complete ban on manufacture, sell, use, storage,

		Ban	(Gazette)	Transportation and distribution of “Single-use plastics” i.e. plastic carrybags, flags, sheets using for food wrapping, straws, tea cups, tumblers, water packets & pouches
32	Telangana	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
33	Tripura	Complete ban	10.03.2015 (Gazette)	Complete ban on Sell, use, storage, Transportation & import of plastic carrybags (including polypropylene, non-woven fabric type) plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
34	Uttar Pradesh	Complete ban	22.12.2015 (Gazette)	Sell, use, Storage, Transportation & import of plastic carrybags (including polypropylene, non-woven fabric type) plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
35	Uttarakhand	Complete Ban	01.01.2017 (Gazette)	Sell, use, storage& Transportation, of plastic carry bags.
36	West Bengal	Partial ban	11.01.2018 (Executive Order)	Completely banned in religious and historical places.
