

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ALTERNATIVES FOR PLASTIC
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken effective measures for the promotion of alternatives to plastic; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b): Government takes required steps to develop and promote alternatives to plastic if the alternative material meets the technical characteristics as well as techno-economic viability. Some State Governments, such as the Government of Delhi, have initiated measures for promotion of alternatives to plastic carry bags including campaigns and exhibitions aimed at creating awareness.