

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF BIO DEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any experimental trials are being carried out in respect of manufacturing of bio-degradable plastic bags in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRI KANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune - a CSIR Laboratory , has been working on the development of bio-degradable Polylactic Acid (PLA) one of the known basic raw materials for compostable plastics. The development work is still in the laboratory scale, though some processors are trying to develop the market by manufacturing films/other products from imported basic raw materials such as PLA.