

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

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WASTAGE OF RESOURCES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to find out the effects of wastage of resources and precious water due to bottled water and environmental impact of waste in the form of bottles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to arrange for environment friendly packaging of water, minimising the use and wastage of packed water and bottled water;
- (d) if so, whether the Government also proposes to formulate scheme to save water in the country;
- (e) if so, whether bottled water has been banned in several countries;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (f): Based on a field survey conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it has been estimated that approximately 15,722 tonnes plastic waste is generated in the country per day. Plastic waste, including wastage of plastic drinking water bottles, poses environmental challenge due to deficiency in municipal solid waste management and indiscriminate littering of plastic waste on open land, drains, rivers, coasts, landfill-sites etc. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011. These Rules require municipal authorities to set up, operationalise and coordinate the waste management system and ensure proper collection, storage, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has no information on banning of bottled water in other countries.