

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish Centre of Excellence (COE) in the field of petro-chemicals;
- (b) if so, the details of nature, role and eligibility for establishing a COE;
- (c) the number of institutions that have so far been designed as COE;
- (d) the outcome of establishing such COE, so far;
- (e) whether this will hamper the campaign against plastic; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d) : Yes Sir. The scheme of 'Centres of Excellence in Polymer Technology' aims at setting up of Centers of Excellence(COE) in existing educational and research institutions working in the field of polymers. It is expected that each Centre of Excellence (COE) will emerge as an internationally recognized Centre for the analysis and dissemination of existing global knowledge in the chosen fields. Detailed proposals received from the Institutions have been evaluated by an Expert Panel for finalizing the names of institutions as Centres of Excellence during the 11th Plan period. Two fully functional Centres of Excellences (COEs) are to be established over a period of three years.

(e) & (f): The campaign against plastic is restricted to plastic carry bags and their indiscriminate littering. The aim of setting up Centres of Excellence, inter alia, includes developing bio-polymers and bio-degradable polymers and innovative recycling process technology which may ultimately result in developing strategies to address such issues.