

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

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CONSUMPTION OF PLASTIC PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of total amount of plastic products in the country as estimated by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on a yearly basis; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the use of plastic products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b): According to a survey of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2008, plastic consumption in India was 8 million tonnes per annum. Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 (amended on 02.07.2011) which, inter-alia, 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.