

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

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BAN ON USE OF PLASTIC MATERIAL

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to restrict/ban the use of plastic carry bags in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ban the manufacture and use of the plastic carry bags?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
(SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c): No proposal to ban use of plastic carry bags is under consideration of the Central Government. Some State Governments have restricted/banned the use of plastic carry bags throughout the State or in ecologically sensitive /tourist places. Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, as amended. Under these Rules, State Pollution Control Boards or Pollution Control Committees are responsible for enforcement of provisions related to registration, manufacture and recycling and the municipal authorities are responsible for enforcement of provisions related to use, collection, segregation, transportation and disposal of plastic waste.