

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

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PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy on plastic waste management in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the policy; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for safe disposal of plastic wastes in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011. Under these Rules, municipal authorities are responsible for setting up, operationalisation and coordination of the waste management system including collection, storage, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste. They are required to set up collection centers for plastic waste and to ensure its channelisation to recyclers, create awareness, engage agencies or groups working in waste management including waste pickers and to ensure that open burning of plastic waste is not permitted.