

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

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BAN ON USE OF PLASTIC
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the plastic being used in the trade of packaged/mineral drinking water bottles are not/cannot be recycled which is quite detrimental for environmental protection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has got the figures in regard to the quantity of plastic being used per year in the packaged/mineral drinking water trade and the percentage of plastic out of the same recycled after use;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to keep records in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): The Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) bottles, which are used in the trade of mineral drinking water can be recycled. Such processes should conform to the prescribed environmental norms. Data regarding the quantity of plastics used per year in the mineral drinking water bottles is not maintained by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.