

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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PLASTIC GARBAGE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the problem of plastic garbage in environmentally fragile areas;
- (b) if so, the areas/locations identified as worst affected, State/location-wise including Kerala;
- (c) the corrective measures taken and action plan prepared by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Kerala for financial and technical assistance to check and dispose plastic garbage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 for management of plastic waste in the country. The Rules, inter-aila, provide for mechanisms to be established by the concerned Municipal Authorities within their territorial areas for management of plastic waste. As such, this Ministry has not identified worst affected areas/locations in the country.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change provides financial assistance for conducting trainings/awareness programs on municipal solid waste management including plastic waste management. However, this Ministry does not provide any financial and technical assistance to dispose municipal solid waste including plastic garbage.