

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

Osaka Blue Ocean Vision

4443. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether the G20 summit adopted “Osaka Blue Ocean Vision” to stamp out additional pollution by marine plastic litter by 2050;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve waste management and find innovative solutions, at the same time, recognizing the importance of plastics for society?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) & (b)

During G 20 summit 2019, a common global vision i.e. “Osaka Blue Ocean Vision” was shared with the aim to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050 through a comprehensive life-cycle approach that includes reducing the discharge of mismanaged plastic litter by improved waste management and innovative solutions.

(c)

In order to improve waste management situation in the country, the Government of India has comprehensively revised the various waste management rules and notified Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, E-waste Management Rules, 2016 and Construction and Demolition Waste management Rules, 2016 with the objectives to improve segregation, collection, recycling/reuse, treatment and disposal of such wastes in an environmentally sound manner. Besides, the following steps have been taken to improve plastic waste management:

- i. The CPCB in its guidelines for collection, segregation & disposal of plastic waste has prescribed for technology solutions including utilization of plastic waste in road construction, co-processing in cement kilns, conversion of plastic waste into refused derived fuel and disposal of plastic waste through Plasma Pyrolysis Technology.
- ii. Issued directions to Commissioners of 46 Million-plus cities & 20 State capital cities and 118 towns located on bank of Ganga river relating to prohibit

- manufacturing & use of sub-standard (<50 μ thickness) plastic carry bags (having handle or non-handle).
- iii. Published report on “Assessment and Characterization of Plastic Waste in 60 Major Cities” to all SPCBs/PCCs and Secretaries-in-charge of Urban Development and requested them to submit the action plan for proper plastic waste management.
 - iv. Issued “Guidelines for disposal of Thermoset Plastic Waste including SMC/FRP” to all SPCBs/PCCs, for implementation.
 - v. Issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for registration of Compostable carry bag manufacturers/sellers/stockists as per Rules 4(h) of PWM Rules, 2016.
 - vi. Promotion of 100% bio-based, compostable carry bags, conforming IS/ISO 17088.
