

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5493
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Ban on Plastics

5493. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to adopt a uniform policy applicable to all States on plastic ban and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that many daily products like toiletries contain plastic and are toxic to the environment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to impose restrictions on use of plastic in such products, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The Government has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. As per the Rules, the carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic less than fifty microns in thickness has been prohibited. There is complete ban on sachets using plastic material used for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala. The Rules are uniformly applicable to all the States. Further, Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced India's pledge to Ban all Single-Use Plastic by 2022. In this regard Ministry has issued guidelines and written letters to offices of Central Government, State Government and its departments, major PSUs, corporates, etc to prohibit single-use plastic products in their offices.

(c) to (e) Microbeads which are often used in cosmetic and toiletries are made of plastic and are not bio-degradable/soluble in the water. For this, BIS has published an Indian Standard, IS 4707 (Part 2): 2017 'Classification of cosmetic raw materials and adjuncts: Part 2 List of raw materials generally not recognized as safe for use in cosmetics' as per which 'Plastic microbeads: 5 mm or less, water insoluble, solid plastic particle used to exfoliate or cleanse in rinse-off personal care products' must not form part of the composition of cosmetic products.
