

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2621
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Ban on plastic bags

2621. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal to ban use of plastic bags especially those which are produced by the use of recycled plastic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) The Government has notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, which, *inter-alia*, regulate manufacture, sale, distribution and use of plastic carry bags including carry bags of compostable plastic and plastic sheets for packaging or wrapping. The rules prohibit the use of carry bags made of recycled plastic or products made of recycled plastic for storing, carrying, dispensing or packaging ready to eat or drink food stuff. The Ministry has no proposal to ban the use of plastics. However, the use of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic less than 50 micron in thickness is prohibited.
