

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2146**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2016

**Plastic Waste**

2146. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has any data about the per capita plastic waste generation in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether bio-plastics are being used on a large scale in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the plastic waste management rules did not include the informal sector like the ragpickers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to empower the socio-economic status of ragpickers and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) As per estimate of Central Pollution Control Board, per capita plastic waste generation is 27.18 gram per day.

(b) The Ministry has no information in this subject.

(c) & (d): Under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, local bodies are entrusted to set up plastic waste management system by, *inter-alia*, engaging civil societies or group working with waste pickers. The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 has provision to integrate informal waste pickers in waste management system.

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