

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/07/2018

Ban on Polythene Bags

1710. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:
SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has banned the use of polythene bags and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has ensured the strict compliance of the said ban and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the shopkeepers are still using the said bags to sell their goods to the customers and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether any State Government has recently amended plastic waste management policy for its stricter implementation of ban of plastic bags and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to implement such policy across the country for enforcing complete ban on the use of polythene and if so, the details thereof?

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 (PWM) Rules, 2016 which, *inter-alia*, regulate manufacture, sale, distribution and use of plastic carry bags including carry bags of compostable plastic. The government has not imposed a complete ban on the use of carry bags. The use of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic less than 50 micron in thickness are prohibited. As per the PWM Rules 2016, the State Pollution Control Board and Pollution Control Committee are the authorities for enforcement of the provisions of these rules relating to registration, manufacture of plastic products, processing and disposal of plastic wastes.

(d) to (e) In addition to the PWM rules 2016 notified by Central Government, 21 States/UTs through their own Notifications under other statutes have also imposed partial or full ban on use of plastic carry bags/single use plastic supplementing the above legislation.
