GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.119 ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019

BANNING OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC IN TOURIST PLACES

119. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to make important tourist places free of single-use plastic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to educate the locals and tourists to stop using single use plastic in the tourist places and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has taken the following steps to minimize the use of the Single Use Plastic (SUP) by creation of awareness among stakeholders so as to make tourists sites plastic free through the offices under its administrative control:
 - i) Awareness creation for eradication of SUP among the tourists such as, campaign at iconic places, plastic shramdaan etc.
 - ii) Organization of cleanliness drives namely collection of plastic waste & its proper disposal at various important tourist destinations/ educational institutes with the help of local public / volunteers / students / faculty etc.

Further, the Ministry advised all States/UTs to take steps so as to create awareness among the locals and tourists about eradication of SUP in the tourist places and to organize special plastic shramdaan etc.
