

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. 173**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

**Ban on Single-use Plastic**

\*173. SHRI P.C.MOHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a roadmap to meet the 2022 deadline for eliminating single use plastic in accordance with its 2018 World Environmental Day pledge;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the guidelines issued by the Government mandate the States and Union Territories to phase-out single-use plastic by 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to sensitize people against the use of single-use plastic leading to its gradual elimination?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 173 to be answered on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 on “Ban on Single-use Plastic” by Shri P.C. Mohan.**

(a) to (b): A multi-pronged strategy has been adopted for implementing the announcement of Hon'ble Prime Minister on World Environment Day in 2018 to phase out Single-use plastic (SUP) by 2022. The strategy comprises of (i) Awareness generation and behavioural change, (ii) regulatory regime for phase out of identified single use plastic items under Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, (iii) engagement with central ministries, State Governments, Local Bodies for better enforcement and wider penetration of alternatives to single use plastic items, (iii) engagement with industry and industry associations for assistance and capacity building, and (iv) strengthening of institutional mechanism for enforcement of PWM Rules. Already under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, plastic carry bag and sheets less than fifty microns in thickness have been prohibited. There is complete ban on sachets using plastic material used for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala. Further, the single use plastic items to be phased out by 2022 have been identified on the basis of report of the Expert Committee constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals on 'Single Use Plastic'.

(c) The Ministry had also issued “Standard Guidelines for Single-Use Plastic” on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to all States/UTs and Ministries. The Standard guidelines entails waste management system improvements, legal options for States/UTs to prohibit SUP items through regulatory measures, eco-friendly alternatives, social awareness and public education. The guidelines also included measures to be taken by government offices. 32 States/UTs have issued notifications/orders introducing regulations pertaining to complete or partial ban on plastic carry bags and/or identified single-use plastic items details are annexed. CPCB has issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, to all States/UTs for setting up for institutional mechanism for strengthening enforcement of PWM Rules. Guidelines for assessment of Environmental Compensation for Violation of PWM Rules 2016 have also been issued.

(d) The Government has taken the following steps to sensitize people against the use of single use plastic leading to its gradual elimination are as follows: -

- A three-phase campaign “Swachhta Hi Sewa” was undertaken in 2019 where citizens collected Single Use Plastic from the houses, streets etc. and deposited the waste at designated locations for recycling.
- Further, for spreading awareness among the coastal cities and towns, beach cleaning drive was also taken up across 50 beaches.
- Under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of the Ministry, about one lakh schools have been identified as Eco-clubs, wherein, nearly thirty lakh students are actively participating in various environment protection and conservation activities including plastic waste management.
- The Ministry and CPCB have held extensive interactions with the industry and industry associations on issues related to phasing out of single use plastic.

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**Annexure**

**Notification for banning manufacture, use, sale import and handling  
of single use plastic products**

(Based on the data available in submitted Annual reports by SPCBs/PCCs)

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of State/UT</b>	<b>Complete or Partial Ban</b>	<b>Date of Gazette or Executive Order</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands</b>	Complete ban	02.08.2010 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, distribution, transportation, recycle, sell & use of plastic carry bags.
2	Andhra Pradesh	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
3	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Complete ban	03.07.2012 <b>(Executive Order)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, sell& use of polythene/plastic carry bags
4	<b>Assam</b>	Complete Ban	30.04.2019 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Plastic carry bags, banners, buntings, cups, cling films, flex, flags, plates, sheets (used for spreading on dining tables irrespective of thickness) including the above items made of thermocol and plastic which use plastic micro beads.
5	<b>Bihar</b>	Complete ban	11.12.2018 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, sell& use of plastic carry bags
6	<b>Chandigarh</b>	Complete ban	30.07.2008 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, storage, import, sale, use transportation & disposal of plastic carry bags
7	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Complete ban	24.12.2014 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, store, import, transportation, recycle, sell & use of polythene/plastic carry bags.
8	<b>Daman Diu &amp; Dadra Nagar Haveli</b>	Complete ban	24-01-2014 & 22.09.2017 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Forbidding the use, sale/ storage of all kinds of plastic bags
9	<b>Delhi</b>	Complete ban	23.10.2012 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, import, store, sell & use of plastic products (poly Propylene, non-woven fabric type carry bags), plastic film or plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
10	Goa	<b>Partial ban</b>	16.03.2015	Government imposed ban on Manufacture, stock, import, transportation, recycle, sale & use of plastic (carry bags, cups, forks, paper

				plates, spoons) in Chorla Ghat area Mandi Wildlifesanctuaries .
11	Gujarat	<b>Partial ban</b>	28.06.2011 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on plastic products in Gandhi Nagar
12	<b>Haryana</b>	Complete ban	20.08.2013 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, stock, import, transportation, recycle, sell & use of plastic (carry bags, cups, forks, paper plates, straws, spoons& containers for the usage of foodstuffs)
13	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Complete Ban	07-07-2009 & 13-08-2009 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on use of Carry bags (irrespective of size), polythene, non-biodegradable material, disposable plastic cups, plates, and glasses
14	Jammu & Kashmir	Complete Ban	03.01.2017 (SRO 45 order- Notification) Jammu District Magistrate has on 01.10.2020 ordered strict enforcement of SRO 45 notification.	Complete ban on manufacture, stocking, distribution, sale and use of polyethylene carry bags, plastic sheets or like, cover made of plastic sheet, plastic packaging and multilayered packaging less than fifty microns in thickness within territorial limits of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
15	<b>Jharkhand</b>	Complete Ban	17.10.2017 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, import, storage, transport, sell and usage of plastic carry bags in the whole State
16	<b>Karnataka</b>	Complete ban	11.03.2016 <b>(Gazette)</b>	State government banned the plastic banners, buntings, carry bags (plastic & compostable), cups, cling films, flex, flags, plates, spoons & sheets made of plastic or Thermocol and microbeads usage in the entire state
17	Kerala	01.01.2020 <b>(Executive Order)</b>	22.11.2010 <b>(Executive Order)</b>	Complete ban on the manufacture, storage, transport and sale of plastic carry bags( irrespective of thickness); plastic sheets( used as table spread); plates, cups and decorative materials made of thermocol/stryrofoam; SUP items like cups, plates, dishes, spoons, forks, straw, stirrer; plastic coated paper cups, plastic coated paper plates, plastic coated paper bowls, plastic coated paper bags; Non woven bags, plastic flags, plastic bunting; plstic water pouches, non branded plastic juice packets ; plastic juice packets; PET/PETE bottles of

				drinking water of capacities less than 500 ml; garbage bags (plastic); PVC flex materials and plastic packets.
18	Ladakh	<b>Partial Ban</b>	<b>(Order no-40-LA (GAD) of 2020 dated 23.06.2020)</b>	Ban on the use of plastic water bottles and other plastic made objects in Government offices and other institutions
19	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	Complete ban	25.01.2019 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carrybags of all thickness, plastic coated carry bags, plastic flags, plastic sheets/films used for wrapping, plastic sheets used as dining table covers, thermocol cups and plates, plastic coated paper cups and plates, plastic teacups, plastic tumblers, plastic teacups, water pouches/packets/PET plastic water bottles, straws,
20	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Complete ban	24-05-2017 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Production, Storage, Transportation, sale & use of plastic carrybags.
21	<b>Maharashtra</b>	Complete Ban	23-03-2018 <b>(Gazette)</b> Amendment 11th April, 2018	Complete ban in the whole State for manufacture, usage, sale storage,transport, and distribution, wholesale & retail, import of the plastic& compostable bags and the disposable products manufactured from plastic &thermocol (polystyrene) - disposable dish/spoon, cups, bowl, container, fork, plates, glasses, straw, non-woven polypropylene bags, cups/pouches.
22	Manipur	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
23	Meghalaya	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
24	Mizoram	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
25	<b>Nagaland</b>	Complete ban	01.01.2004 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags
26	Odisha	<b>Partial ban</b>	29.09.2018 <b>(Executive Order)</b>	Ban on use and sale of plastic carry bags, bottled drinking water Polyethylene Terephthalate bottles of less than 200 ml capacity; SUP disposable cutleries like thermocol (polystyrene), dish/spoon, cups, bowl, container, fork, glasses & plates in Bhubaneshwar, Berhampur, Cuttack, Puri, Rourkela & Sambalpur
27	Puducherry	Complete	30.07.2019	(i) Polythene/Plastic/Polypropylene carry

		ban		bags; (ii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) cups; (iii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) plates; (iv) Plastic sheet pouches used for cooked food wrapping; (v) Plastic sheets used for spreading on dining table; (vi) Water pouches; (vii) Plastic straw; (viii) Plastic flag.
28	<b>Punjab</b>	Complete ban	18.02.2016 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on Manufacture, stock, distribute, recycle, sale & use of plastic carry bags.
29	<b>Rajasthan</b>	Complete ban	01.08.2010 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on use, store & sale of plastic carry bags
30	<b>Sikkim</b>	Complete ban	19.05.2016 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on sale & use, storage of disposable items (cups, plates, spoons, containers, etc..) made from Styrofoam.
31	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Complete Ban	01.01.2019 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on manufacture, sell, use, storage, Transportation and distribution of "Single-use plastics" i.e. plastic carrybags, flags, sheets using for food wrapping, straws, tea cups, tumblers, water packets & pouches
32	Telangana	Not Banned	Not Available	Not Banned
33	<b>Tripura</b>	Complete ban	10.03.2015 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Complete ban on Sell, use, storage, Transportation & import of plastic carrybags (including polypropylene, non-woven fabric type) plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
34	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Complete ban	22.12.2015 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Sell, use, Storage, Transportation & import of plastic carrybags (including polypropylene, non-woven fabric type) plastic tube to pack or cover any book including magazine & invitation/greeting cards.
35	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Complete Ban	01.01.2017 <b>(Gazette)</b>	Sell, use, storage& Transportation, of plastic carry bags.
36	West Bengal	<b>Partial ban</b>	<b>11.01.2018</b> <b>(Executive Order)</b>	Completely banned in religious and historical places.

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