

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 791
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

Recycling of plastic waste

791. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) the quantum of plastic waste being recycled in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement any new scheme regarding recycling of plastics and making use of it in construction of highways and other projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated for the purpose, State/ UT-wise including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): As per available information, plastic waste recycled in 20 States is approximately 15.8 lakh Tonnes per Annum (TPA)(as on October, 2020). In addition, 1.67 lakh TPA is co-processed in cement-kilns.

As per Plastic Waste management (PWM) Rules, 2016, as amended, plastic waste, which can be recycled, shall be channelized to registered plastic waste recycler and recycling of plastic shall conform to the Indian Standard: IS 14534:1998 titled as 'Guidelines for Recycling of Plastics', as amended from time to time. Further, local bodies shall encourage the use of plastic waste (preferably the plastic waste which cannot be further recycled) for road construction as per Indian Road Congress guidelines or energy recovery or waste to oil etc. The standards and pollution control norms specified by the prescribed authority for these technologies need to be complied.
