

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 400
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2016

Ban on Plastic Bags

400 DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to ban plastic bags thinner than 50 microns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the rural areas are likely to be brought under the ambit of the said ban; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has comprehensively revised the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, and notified Plastic Waste (Management) Rule in March, 2016. These rules prohibit manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags less than 50 micron in thickness. The rural areas have also been brought under the purview of these revised Rules.
