

Tigers missing from Maharashtra

1279. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, as per latest reports, more than 40 tigers have gone missing across three sanctuaries in Maharashtra State compared to 2010 estimates;
- (b) the names of three tiger reserves from where these tigers have been reported missing with numbers of tigers missings from each; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to stop the missing of tigers from the tiger reserves and a detailed report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) No Sir.

- (c) Question does not arise.

Action taken for disposal of plastic waste

1280. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that plastic waste has become a major menace for the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has formulated any action plan to deal with plastic waste in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government for disposal of plastic waste in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) Uncollected plastic waste litters the surroundings and results in environmental and health hazards.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has notified the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 to manage plastic waste in the country. These Rules prohibit manufacture, sale stocking and use of plastic carry bags of less than 40 micron in thickness. The Rules also provide for plastic waste management system to be established by the municipal authorities in areas under their jurisdictions. The State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) have been requested to issue directions to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to prepare time-bound Action Plans for management of municipal solid waste including plastic waste. Guidelines for formulation of such plans have been circulated to all SPCBs and PCCs by Central Pollution Control Board.