

GS-III. Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation.

1. Discuss the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016. What extent does it can be helpful in Minimizing the Plastic waste?

Why this Question?

- ▶▶ Single-use plastic items including plastic bags, spoons, cups, straws and bottles will be banned with effect from October 2, 2019, on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

Key Demands of Question:

- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the plastic waste management rules 2016.
- ▶▶ Bring out its Merits and Demerits.
- ▶▶ Discuss how far it will be helpful to reduce the plastic waste.
- ▶▶ Explain other measures needed to tackle the booming plastic waste.

Directive word:

Discuss:

- ▶▶ This is another common directive which is an all-encompassing one – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments. And once all the discussion is done, a suitable apt conclusion may be given at the end of the answer.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- ▶▶ Mention some statistics about the increasing of plastic waste in India and around the world or give brief intro of Plastic waste management rules and its importance.

Body:

- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- ▶▶ Bring out its positives and negatives.
- ▶▶ Explain how far it will be helpful to reduce the plastic waste.
- ▶▶ Discuss why this alone is not able to minimize the waste generation.
- ▶▶ Discuss various other alternative measures needed to minimize the wastage.
- ▶▶ Mention the various initiatives taken by the government in this regard. For example, ban of using single use plastics, etc.

Conclusion:

- ▶▶ Conclude with other way forward measures should be promoted immediately to address the challenge.