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**‘Plastic bags are convenient and should not be banned by the government’. State your views for or against.**

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‘They stick to our fences

Alight on our trees

Drift down our sidewalks

And swirl in our seas

They’re a pollutant on which

the sea creatures feed

They are plastic bags,

and urban tumbleweeds.’

This is an apt poem which describes our present. What sort is a plastic bag? According to Oxford Dictionary—‘A bag made of a thin, flexible plastic material (semi-synthetic organics/polymers), especially one with handles supplied by a shop vendor to carry goods purchased there.’ But do you know what Mr. Google says?-‘Most plastics are derived from propylene, a simple chemical component of Petroleum. When heated up in the presence of a catalyst, individual chemical units monomers of propylene link by together by forming extremely strong carbon-carbon bonds with each other. This results in Polymers long chains of monomers called polypropylene. I disagree with the statement that “Plastics are convenient and should not be banned by the government.” I am totally against this statement.

Let me brief you what exactly Mr.Google and Mr.Wiki wants to convey to us. Plastic is a non-biodegradable waste which cannot be decomposed easily and takes billions of years to decay naturally. Several newspapers too, have minimum one article, however small, but related to plastic dumping. In one of the newspapers of ‘Time City’ I had read—“No lessons learned, plastic keeps pilling up.”Another article said—“Ridding town of plastic bags comes a step nearer.”

Last summer holidays, I paid a visit to a market in my village Konkan area. You should be amazed to see that vendors there, probably catachrestic ones, are the one who don’t allow their customers to use plastic bags. Not even a person there, avows his or her customers to take off their goods in a plastic bag. If ant customer is found with a plastic bag, he has to pay hundred rupees fine and has to buy a cloth bag whose cost was next to nothing. Touchwood! Hope my village continues this Green work and also spread to the other areas.

I know that plastic bags helps to carry things and is a convenient way for containing and transporting goods. It’s really Great! But hazardous and fraught with danger too. Plastic bags have several uses but disadvantages are more than the advantages in this case. Thus, I am firmly against the statement that ‘Plastic are convenient and should be not banned by the government.’