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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 together by forming extremely strong carbon-carbon bonds with each other. This results in polymers long chains of monomers called poly-propylene.’ 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 newspaper of ‘Times City’ I had read- ‘No lessons learnt, plastic keeps piling up’. Another article said- ‘Riddling town of plastic bags comes a step nearer.’ Last summer holidays, I paid visit to a market in my village in Konkan area. You would be amazed to see that the vendors there, probably catachrestic ones, are the one who don’t allow their customers to use plastic bags. Not even a person there, lets his or her customers to take off their goods in a plastic bag. If any customer is found with a plastic bag, he has to pay hundred rupees fine and has to buy a cloth bag whose cost is next to nothing. Touchwood! Hope my village continues to this green work and also spread to the other areas.

I know that plastic bags help to carry things and is a convenient way for containing as well as transporting