

### **Can Producer Importers and Brand Owners develop their own Plastic Waste Collection Systems?**

Yes, as per para 14 of Schedule II to the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016. (As amended in 2022, GSR 133 E, dated 16-02-2022) producers, importers and brand owners while fulfilling their extended producer liability obligation may develop collection and segregation infrastructure for plastic packaging waste including material recovery facilities. PIBO's may offer and provide for the collection of plastic from entities like urban local bodies, gram panchayats and other public authorities or third parties engaged in waste management and who have accepted the offer. The PIBO's in this case shall also have to ensure that the waste so collected is subsequently recycled in a registered facility. The said collection facilities shall not be limited to areas where collection and subsequent management is profitable but shall take into account the population size, expected volume of plastic or packaging waste and the accessibility and vicinity to end users.

Voluntary collection points will hand over plastic packaging waste to the producer, importers and Brand owners or third-party agencies acting on their behalf with a view to their treatment and recycling or their identified end use.