

What are the provisions related to E.P.R. Certificates in the fulfilment of E.P.R. obligations?

- I. PIBO's to submit details of recycling certificates only from registered recyclers along with details sent for end-of-life disposal by 30th June of next financial year.
- II. Details provided by PIBO's and Recyclers will be cross checked and in the case of differences the lower figure would be considered towards fulfilment of E.P.R. obligations by PIBO's.
- III. Certificates shall be subject to verification by CPCB or SPCB or Pollution Control Committee as the case may be.
- IV. Provisions have also been made in the amendment of 2024 for PIBO's and manufacturers and manufacturers of commodities made from compostable or biodegradable plastics to send details of certificates for plastic waste recycled and sent for end-of-life disposal by the 30th of June of the next financial year on the online portal. These certificates would also be verified and the lower figures adopted in the case of discrepancy between these and the figures as sent by recyclers. The certificate shall be verified by the CPCB/SPCB or PCC as the case may be.

It is also provided that the manufacture of biodegradable plastic shall fulfil their EPR obligations by obtaining E.P.R. certificates generated by local authorities. The local authorities will in turn generate the EPR certificates equal to the biodegradable plastic collected by them and put to end-of-life bio degradation in the respective recipient environment as per BIS norms. The E.P.R. certificates generated shall be on record and details of such certificates obtained by manufacturers shall be submitted on the on-line portal of the CPCB.