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## CM: Polymer park won't make banned plastic goods

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Chennai: Days after announcing a ban on several plastic products in the state with effect from January 1, 2019, chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Thursday said his government will not promote production of banned products in the proposed polymer industries project in Tiruvallur district.

He was responding to DMK MLA TRB Rajaa, who sought to know the fate of the park announced by the government two years ago. "I wish to state that the banned products will not be produced in the park," Palaniswami said. The state-run TIDCO planned to promote the park in 306 acres at Voyalur village in Ponneri taluk at an estimated cost of Rs 264 crore. The plan was to accommodate 84 medium and small-scale plastic component-manufacturing units. The policy note of industries department in 2016-17 had hinted at investments of Rs 2,100 crore and employment to 32,000 people.

The government had set up a special purpose company, TN Polymers Industries Park Limited, as a joint venture of TIDCO and SIPCOT to implement the project. The department of chemicals and petrochemicals had granted final approval for the project in 2015. Rajaa said the state had taken the decision to impose ban on plastic products in haste. "The state should safeguard the livelihood of lakhs of workers dependent on plastic-making units," the MLA said.

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