



POLLUTION PREVENTION PAYS

D.O. Letter No.T1/TNPCB/F.15528/Plastic Ban/2019 Dt: 20.02.2019

Dear

Sub: TNPCB – Effective implementation of the Ban on “use of one time use and throwaway plastics” with effect from 01.01.2019 – CEOs to take plastic oath / pledge on 26.02.2019 – Constitution of District Level Committee for effective implementation of Plastic Ban - Reg

Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms) No. 84, Environment and Forests(EC.2) Department, dated:25.06.2018.

The Government of Tamil Nadu in reference 1st cited, notified ban on the manufacture, store, supply, transport, sale or distribution of certain “use and throwaway plastics” such as plastic sheets, plastic plates, plastic coated tea cups/tumblers, plastic straws, plastic flags, plastic water pouches and carry bags(irrespective of thickness) and came into force from 01.01.2019 in the State of Tamil Nadu. This ban has been effectively implemented by creating awareness among the public through various awareness programmes. However, the sustainability of ban on use of certain ‘use and throwaway plastics’ can be maintained by educating the public continuously. Further, awareness programmes involving school children will have a greater impact in conveying the message to the public.

Hence, I request you to direct all the CEOs on 26th February 2019 to take plastic oath / pledge on avoidance of “use and throwaway plastics” with the active participation of students, teachers, parents and public in front of school campus after prayer meet. In addition, the students may be encouraged to collect the banned use and throwaway plastics from their houses and surrounding environment and hand over to the school campus on 27th February 2019. The accumulated banned plastics shall be quantified by the respective jurisdictional NGC co-ordinator and the list of schools collecting highest cumulative quantity of plastic waste shall be informed to the District Collector in the order of merit with a copy earmarked to the District Environmental Engineer of TNPCB.

Further, I request you to constitute a District Level Committee under your Chairmanship for effective implementation of Plastic Ban in your district. The proposed members of the Committee shall be District Revenue Officer, District Forest Officer, Commissioner of Corporation / Municipality, District Environmental Engineer, Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Assistant Director (Panchayats), Project Director of DRDA, District Designated Officer / Food Safety Officer, City Health Officer, Regional Director of Collegiate Education, Deputy Director of Health Services, Chief Educational Officer, District Tourist Officer, District Manager of TASMAL, District Labour Officer, Public Relation Officer, NSS co-ordinator of recognised university / college. The Committee shall carry out periodical and surprise inspections along with seizure and levying of fines and shall conduct monthly review meetings. The outcome of the monthly review meeting shall be informed to the TNPCB so as to forward the same to the Government.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely

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