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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

(G.O. Ms. No. 18/Envr./2019, Puducherry, dated 30th July 2019)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, polythene/plastic carry bags, plastic disposable cups and other single use plastic items are being used widely in the Union territory of Puducherry;

And whereas, polythene/plastic carry bags, plastic disposable cups and plastic sheets used for cooked food packing, plastic plates, water pouches, plastic straw and Styrofoam plates, cups and other single use plastic articles which are non-biodegradable, choke drains and sewerages and pollute air, water and soil and affect aquatic organism. Polythene bags are also being used to deliver food stuff and therefore, pose a huge health hazard to the public;

And whereas, the collection and disposal of single use plastic articles are great challenge in waste management. These articles are detriment for composting process of other organic waste;

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And whereas, the Government of India has notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, wherein, manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags, plastic sheets and cover made of plastic sheets of less than fifty micron in thickness have been prohibited;

And whereas, as the Government of Puducherry had already prohibited usage, sales and stocking of polythene or plastic carry bag, disposal cups and plates of thickness 50 microns (or) below of size less than 8×12 inches in the Union territory of Puducherry, *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 20/Env't./2009, dated 9-12-2009 of the Chief Secretary (Environment), Government of Puducherry and published *vide* Extraordinary Gazette Part-I, No. 97, dated 9-12-2009;

And whereas, it is brought to the notice of the Government that inspite of the abovesaid notification, the usage of single use carry bags and plastic disposable cups could not be eliminated completely;

And whereas, Article 48-A of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, envisages that the State shall endeavor to protect and improve the environment;

And whereas, Article 51-A (g) of the Constitution of India stipulates that it shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment;

And whereas, as per the provisions of sub-rule 3 (a) of rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the public notice, dated 8-2-2019 was given by providing 15 days time in the leading dailies seeking views/suggestions/objections on this notification;

And whereas, all the views/suggestions/objections received in pursuant to the notification within the aforesaid period have been duly considered by the Government of Puducherry.

Now, therefore, the Government of Puducherry hereby directs the following, namely:—

The Directions

1. The following single use plastic items shall not be manufactured, supplied, sold, stocked, distributed, used and transported in the Union territory of Puducherry :

- (i) Polythene/Plastic/Polypropylene carry bags;
- (ii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) cups;
- (iii) Polythene/Plastic/Styrofoam (Thermocol) plates;
- (iv) Plastic sheet pouches used for cooked food wrapping;
- (v) Plastic sheets used for spreading on dining table;
- (vi) Water pouches;
- (vii) Plastic straw;
- (viii) Plastic flag.

2. Provided that the plastic used for the following purposes are exempted:—

- (i) Plastic sheet used for Industrial Packing;
- (ii) Plastic sheet used for packing of pulses, cereals, medicine and milk;
- (iii) Multilayered packaging materials;

- (iv) Plastic bag of more than 40 × 50 cm in size used for collection and disposal of Solid and Biomedical waste;
- (v) Plastic bags and sheets used in Horticulture nurseries.

Explanation 1 : "Plastic" means, material which contains as an essential ingredient of high polymer such as polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, vinyl, low density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene resins, multi-materials like acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polyphenylene oxide, polycarbonate and polybutylene terephthalate.

Explanation 2 : "Use and throwaway plastic" means, items such as plastic carry bags or plastic flags, plastic sheets used for food wrapping, spreading on dining table, etc. plastic plates, plastic coated tea cups and plastic tumbler, water pouches and packets, plastic straw irrespective of thickness.

Explanation 3 : "Plastic sheet" means, one-time use and throw sheet made of plastic.

Explanation 4 : "Carry bag" means, bag made from plastic material, used for the purpose of carrying or dispensing commodities which have a self carrying feature but, do not include bag that constitute or form an integral part of the packaging in which goods are sealed prior to use.

Explanation 5 : The word "compostable plastic" means, plastic that undergoes degradation by biological process during composting to yield Carbon di-oxide, water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other known compostable materials, excluding conventional petro-based plastics, and does not leave visible, distinguishable or toxic residue.

3. The following Officers shall implement these orders in their respective jurisdiction, namely:-

- (i) The Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee;
- (ii) The Commissioners of the respective Municipalities/Commune Panchayats;
- (iii) The Tahsildars of Department of Revenue and Disaster Management;
- (iv) The Food Inspector, Department of Food Safety;
- (v) The Revenue Officers of the respective Municipalities;

4. The Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, shall act as the Coordinator to implement the abovesaid orders. The Chairman and the Member-Secretary are authorized to lodge complaints under section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 *vide* Notification No. S.O. 394 (E), dated 16-4-1987, as further amended *vide* Notification No. S.O. 624 (E), dated 3-9-1996.

5. This notification shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(By order of the Administrator)

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