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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DOLLYGUNJ, PORT BLAIR**

NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 24th September, 2019.

No. 222/2019/No. [1-1/PS to Secy. FY/S&T/CS&CA/AH&VS/2019/77].— WHEREAS, it has been noticed that extensive use is being made of plastic carry bags, which by reason of their chemical or physico-chemical properties, are liable to cause harm to human beings, other living creatures, plants, micro-organisms and the environment of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The negative environmental impacts are more visible at tourist spots, beaches, roads, drains and sewers, markets, ports/harbours, part of reserved forests, national parks both marine and terrestrial, wildlife sanctuaries, biological parks, gardens and water reservoirs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands frequented by the tourists and others.

AND, WHEREAS, The Administration had imposed complete ban on use, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution or sale and disposal of plastic carry bags irrespective of thickness, size, color and nature in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands vide A & N Gazette Notification No. 202 dated 02-08-2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, with the view to protect and improve the quality of environment and to prevent, control and abate environmental pollution in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with Notification No. S.O. 667(E) dated 10th September, 1992 and in supersession of Andaman and Nicobar Gazette Notification No. 202 dated 02-08-2010, the Administrator (Lieutenant Governor), Andaman and Nicobar Islands is please to lay down the following revised directions for imposing complete ban on use, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution or sale and disposal of plastic carry bags irrespective of thickness, size, color and nature in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

1. 100 % compostable/biodegradable bags duly certified by Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, only will be allowed for usage, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution or sale and disposal in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

2. The Administrator, Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands directs that the following Officers shall implement these orders related to use, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution or sale and disposal of plastic carry bags irrespective of their thickness, size, color and nature and authorizes them to file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, namely :-

- i. The District Magistrates / Assistant Commissioners / Tehsildars of all Districts.
- ii. The Secretary, Port Blair Municipal Council.
- iii. The Chief Executive Officer of all the Zilla Parishads, Executive Officers of Panchayat Samitis, Secretaries of Gram Panchayats.
- iv. The Divisional Forest Officers/Deputy Conservator of Forests / Range Officers in Reserved Forests / Protected Areas.
- v. **The Enforcement Officers of Department of Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology.**
- vi. The Station House Officers of all Police Stations.

3. The Deputy Commissioners of all the Districts of U.T. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall implement the above orders related to prohibition on use, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution or sale and disposal of plastic carry bags in their respective jurisdictions.

4. The Task Force constituted at Tehsil Level with the following composition shall be mandated to carryout regular inspection in accordance with the Notification and submit the monthly report to Department of Science and Technology, A & N Administration through the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

(i) Tehsildar of respective Tehsil	Chairman
(ii) Station House Officers(s) of the Tehsil	Member
(iii) Industries Promotion Officers(s)	Member
(iv) Assistant Engineer (PRI/Zilla Parishad)	Member
(v) Assistant Conservators of Forests	Member

The above officers shall be empowered with powers of levying Fines, filing FIRs, closing of commercial operations and sealing of establishment.

5. The registration of repeated offenders/shopkeepers should be suspended for a period of 7 days under the Shops and Establishment Regulation Act by the Registering Authority.

The Administrator, Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands hereby, further directs that the Member Secretary, Andaman Nicobar Administration Pollution Control Committee shall coordinate and monitor the enforcement of the above orders and also authorizes him to file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Any violation of these directions shall entail punishment under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

It is further ordered that the above directions shall come into force from the date of publication in the Gazette and shall be applicable in the entire Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**

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Andaman and Nicobar Administration**