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POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 5th September, 2019.

No. 183/2019/F. No. 2-16/PCC/PWM(2016)/2016/301.—WHEREAS, Andaman and Nicobar Administration published draft notification inviting suggestions/objections for imposing ban on single use plastic items in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

WHEREAS, all objections and suggestions received in response to the draft notification dated 10.03.2019 have been duly considered.

WHEREAS, the ease and convenience of using disposable plastic items and accumulation of these single-use plastic products strewn indiscriminately in and around the commercial and residential areas, beaches, tourist places etc., has led to the ominous plastic pollution affecting the coastal waters and environment in general.

WHEREAS, plastic is composed of major toxic pollutants and owing to their non-biodegradable nature causes harm to air, water, soil, flora and fauna and is liable to cause harm to human beings, and all other living creatures deteriorating the ecology and environment of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

AND, WHEREAS, the negative environmental impacts are more visible at tourist spots, beaches, roads, drains and sewers, markets and ports / harbours in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands frequented by the public at large, posing a threat not just for the environment, but also related management of plastic wastes on these Islands.

AND, WHEREAS, it is the obligation of every citizen staying and visiting these Islands to protect and preserve the pristine eco-system of these Islands with piety for handing over an unaffected environment to our future generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, with the view to protect and improve the quality of environment, to prevent, control and abate environmental pollution in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands due to extensive use of single use plastic items and with a devout effort to make these Islands 'plastic waste free', 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, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

hereby imposes complete ban on usage, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution, sale and disposal of the following plastic items in whatever manner and whatever form that be in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

| S.No. | Items | Description |
|-------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | PET Bottles- Water & Beverages, including alcohol | <2L(Less than 2 litres) |
| 2 | Single-use Plastic / Polystyrene / Styrofoam Plates / Bowls / Tumblers / Cups / Cutleries and related table wares | All size |
| 3 | Plastic Straws | All size |
| 4 | Plastic Bodied Cigarette Lighters | All size |
| 5 | Sachets (Shampoo, Conditioner and similar personal care items, Mouth-fresheners, Pickle/Jam/Sauces, Spices, condiments, etc.) | < 15 ML (or equivalent in weight) |
| 6 | Single-use, plastic bodied use & throw Pens | All size |
| 7 | Polythene/Plastic / Polypropylene Carry Bags including all types of blended carry bags (with or without handles) | All size |
| 8 | Plastic Sheet / Pouches (transparent / coloured / layered) used for packaging of Water, Cooked Food, Gift items, etc. including Bubble-Wraps | All size |
| 9 | Ear Buds with Plastic Stick | All make |

The plastic used for the following purposes are exempted :-

- The plastic carry bags manufactured exclusively for export purpose.
- The plastic bags which constitute or form an integral part of packaging in which goods are sealed prior to use at manufacturing/processing units.
- The plastic bags and sheets used in Forestry and Horticulture nurseries.
- The plastic used for packing of milk and milk products (dairy products), oil, medicine and medical equipments.
- Carry Bags made from compostable plastic bearing a label "compostable" and conforming to the Indian Standard : IS or ISO 17088:2008 titled as specifications for "Compostable Plastic".

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-material 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 sheet used for food wrapping, spreading on dining table etc. plastic plates, plastic coated tea cups and plastic tumbler, water pouches and packets, plastic straws irrespective of thickness.

Explanation 3: "Plastic Sheet" means one time use and throw away 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 dioxide, water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other known compostable materials, excluding conventional petro-based plastic, and does not leave visible, distinguishable or toxic traits.

It is further directed that the following Officers shall implement these orders related to usage, storage, import, manufacture, transportation, distribution, sale and disposal of the above referred plastic items and are authorized to file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, namely :-

1. The District Magistrates / Assistant Commissioners / Tehsildars of all Districts.
2. The Secretary, Port Blair Municipal Council.
3. The Chief Executive Officer of all the Zilla Parishads, Executive Officers of Panchayat Samitis, Secretaries of Gram Panchayats.
4. The Divisional Forest Officers / Deputy Conservator of Forests in Reserved Forests / Protected Areas in their respective jurisdictions.
5. The Station House Officers of all Police Stations.
6. Food Inspector, Department of Food & Safety.

The District Magistrates 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, sale and disposal of the above listed single-use plastic items in their respective jurisdictions.

The Andaman Nicobar Pollution Control Committee shall coordinate and monitor the enforcement of the above orders.

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

The Notification shall come into force after 60 days from the date on which it is issued.

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

Sd./-
(Nitika Pawar)
Secretary (Sci. & Tech.)
Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

