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ORDER

Dated Tura, the 8th August, 2018

No. PA/OC/14/2006/539:- WHEREAS, the usage of plastic carry bags/plastic films, thermocol including mineral water bottles causes inconvenience in daily life. It not only causes environmental hazards as most plastic are not bio-degradable but also creates hygiene and wastage issues as plastic and mineral water bottles can be seen littered all across the country in general and Garo Hills in particular.

AND WHEREAS, most of the Garo Hills being rural, there are no collection and recycling mechanisms in place resulting in heaps of such waste which is not bio-degradable.

AND WHEREAS, concerns about usage and disposal of plastic & thermocol etc are diverse and include accumulation of waste in landfills, water bodies and in natural habitats, physical problems for wild animals resulting from ingestion or entanglement in plastic, the leaching of chemicals from plastic products and the potential for plastics to transfer chemicals to wildlife and humans are increasing.

AND WHEREAS, plastic waste and micro plastic cause danger to freshwater bio-diversity and also hamper ecosystems, on picnic spots including tourist places and on agriculture and forest areas.

AND WHEREAS, most of the weekly bazaars and picnic spots are near the water streams, all such waste is assimilating with the waters.

AND WHEREAS, non-biodegradable plastic waste and micro plastic are having negative impacts on fish diversity and fisheries activity.

AND WHEREAS, non-biodegradable waste is posing problems in effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission.

AND WHEREAS, despite the ban on plastic carry bags/plastic films of less than 50 micron, the retailers and the street vendors are seen to be selling and providing commodities to consumers in plastic carry bags or plastic sheets or multilayered packaging, which are not manufactured and labeled or marked, as prescribed under the Rule.

AND WHEREAS, the wholesalers, retailers and street vendors shall work out modalities for waste collection system based on Extended Producers Responsibility and involving State Urban Development Departments, either individually or collectively,



through their own distribution channel or through the local body concerned. The Primary responsibility for collection of used multi-layered plastic sachet or pouches or packaging is of Producers, Importers and Brand Owners who introduce the products in the market. They need to establish a system for collecting back the plastic waste generated due to their products. This plan of collection to be submitted to the State Pollution Control Boards while applying for Consent to Establish or Operate or Renewal.

AND WHEREAS, the compostable (bio-based) carry bags and recyclable materials can be alternate to petro-based plastic carry bags and in place of plastic/thermocool plate can be use plate made from arecanut leaves and paper cup instead of plastic cup.


Now therefore, **I Ram Singh, IAS, District Magistrate, West Garo Hills** under powers conferred under section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code and also under rule 12(4) of the Plastic Waste Management rules, 2016 prohibits the use of *polythene with a thickness of less than 50 microns including plastic cup, plate and thermocol etc* as one of the measures to curb the proliferation of plastic wastes in all the market places of urban and rural areas including picnic spots and tourist destinations in the district with effect from **15th August, 2018**. This order is applicable to the entire district of West Garo Hills.

Any person found violating the provisions of the **Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016** and **Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016** shall be liable to be penalized under **Section 15 of the Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986** (i.e. imprisonment with term upto 5 years with fine which may extend to Rs. 1.0 lakh or with both, and in case of failure or contravention continues, with additional fine, which may extend to Rs. 5,000/- everyday).

In view of urgency of the matter, this Order is passed ex-parte

Dated **8th August, 2018**




(Ram Singh, IAS)
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Memo No. PA/OC/14/2006/539-A,


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Copy to:-

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong for favour kind information.
2. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information.
3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya & Commissioner of Division for Garo Hills, Addl. Secretariat Building, Shillong for favour of kind information.
4. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Political Department, Shillong for favour of information.
5. The District & Sessions Judge, West Garo Hills, Tura for kind information.
6. The Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills, Tura for information and necessary action.
7. All Addl. Deputy Commissioners, Tura for information.

8. The Chief Executive Officer, Tura Municipal Board, Tura for information and necessary action.
9. The Civil Sub-Divisional Officer, Dadenggre and ^{Raksamgre} Civil Sub-Division, West Garo Hills for information and necessary action.
10. The Member-Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, 'ARDEN' Lumpynggad, Shillong – 793014 for information and necessary action.
11. The Block Dev. Officers, Rongram/Dadenggre/Selsella/Tikrikilla/Dalu/Gambegre & Demdema C & R. D. Block, West Garo Hills for information and necessary action.
12. The Asstt. Director, Information and Public Relations, West Garo Hills, Tura for information and necessary action.
- ✓ 13. The District Informatics Officer, NIC, Tura for information with a request to upload in the district website.
14. The Confidential Asstt., O/o the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura for information.
15. The President/Secretary, Tura Traders Union/Tura Super Market Traders Association, Tura for information and necessary action.
16. Office file.




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