



NO. PCB/WMC-1/NGT-Plastic/2023-24/ 152

Date: 27 JUL 2023

### MEETING NOTICE

#### **Preamble:**

Plastic has become inseparable part of our life. Over the time the use of plastic in day to day life has increased by many folds. Since, last two decades having understood that the plastic is non – degradable and its dangerous effect on the environment all living creatures land and water etc., right from UNO to all other countries have taken the issue of menace of plastic very seriously. In this regard several countries have evolved their own policies of in preventing the use of plastic. It is to the common knowledge that, even the children participating in the debate have express their concern against the use of plastic on the life animals. Wide propaganda has been given as to the dangerous effects of plastic in the matter of conservation of water, marine life, animals and human beings etc.

Karnataka Government considering the dangerous effects of SUP on the environment and life of animals was first to issue a Notification on 11.03.2016 inter-alia prohibiting the single use plastic.

In this regard, Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts, NGT have been issuing directions to state authorities to ensure that, the non-recyclable, non-degradable SUP is completely banned. In this regard, MoEF & CC, Govt. of India framed "Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016" and got amended the same by notification dated: 12.08.2021 inter-alia banning certain SUP items including Polystyrene and expanded Polystyrene commodities.

Every State is making its best efforts to completely prevent use of banned SUP. In this direction, this Committee also convened several meetings and conducted physical inspections at some of the local bodies by involving NGOs for the purpose effective implementation of the ban of SUP in the State of Karnataka. This Committee during its visits to some of local bodies and also during the course of interaction with stakeholders and with enforcing authorities noticed the difficulties faced by the enforcing authorities and certain other issues for which there is a need to considered same by the decision making authorities.

Hence, Committee felt that for effective implementation of ban of SUP in the State of Karnataka and for future welfare to convene this meeting with respective authorities whose participation is most important for implementation of ban of SUP.



*Go Green !*

*Save Earth !!*

*If not today !!!*

*Then never tomorrow !!!!*



### **Agenda for the Meeting**

1. Steps to be taken for enforcing ban of SUP items.
2. For effective implementation, the constitution of State level as well as local body level task force.
3. Responsibilities of PWPs and PIBOs in implementing CPCB guidelines on EPR for plastic packaging material under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and its amendment.
4. Responsibilities of concerned Departments and Contractors regarding usage of plastic waste with bitumen as per IRC guidelines and KSPCB directions.
5. Issues on purchase recyclable products by the Government Departments to encourage more purchase of such products.
6. Issues and Responsibilities of plastic waste generator other than single use plastic.
7. Effective Implementation of IEC programmes.
8. Effective Implementation of C&D Waste Rules.
9. Effective Implementation of E-waste Management Rules.
10. Other issues have desirable by the Hon'ble Chairman.

### **Brief Back Ground**

The Govt. of Karnataka in this regard as back as in 2016 itself constituted task force as under;

- a. The Commissioner, Joint Commissioners, Revenue Officers, all Health Officers and all Engineers of BBMP.
- b. All Deputy Commissioners of the Districts.
- c. All Commissioners of City Corporations, Chief Officers, Health Officers and all Engineers of Urban Local Bodies.
- d. All Assistant Environmental Officers, Deputy Environmental Officers, Environmental Officers and Senior Environmental Officers of KSPCB.
- e. All Assistant Commissioners of Revenue Sub Divisions.
- f. Tahasildars of all Taluks.
- g. All Officers of Commercial Tax Department.
- h. All Officers of Department of Food and Civil Supplies.
- i. The Controller, Deputy Controllers and Regional Officers of Legal Metrology Department.



Based on the Amendment to PWM Rules 2021 State Government has now constituted State Level Special Task Force Committee for implementation of ban on Single Use Plastic (SUP) and implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules on 24.05.2021 as follows.

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department.
3. Principal Secretary / Secretary, Urban Development Department.
4. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department.
5. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj Department.
6. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce.
7. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Lively Hood Department.
8. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.
9. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department.
10. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department.
11. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Science and Technology Department.
12. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Youth Empowerment and Sports Department.
13. Commissioner / Director, Information and Public Relations Department.
14. Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, State Co-ordinator for Swachh Bharath Mission 2.0 (Urban).
15. The Commissioner, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, State Co-ordinator for Swachh Bharath Mission 2.0 (Gramin).
16. Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

However, at the local body level or district level there is a need of enforcing squad consisting of the member of concerned department including police.

**Social Issues:**

There is unabated large scale single use of plastics in the packaging of locally made products namely Chips, Biscuits, Bread, Food Items, Sweets, Fruits, Groceries etc., which are quite cheaper than corresponding branded items from Nestle, Hindustan Uniliver, Hindustan Coco Cola, Pepsi for which segregation for alternatives and to following of :

Hence, there is need to consider as to the alternate



### **Why there is a need of task force including Police Department**

Chairman, NGT Committee during the visit to the local body in the matter of ban of SUP it noticed that, number lady officers were involved in the enforcing group and was is also noticed the odd behaviour of shop owners, Street Vendors in the matter of enforcing the ban on SUP by such wings. It is in this regard unless there is a police support in the team, the local body enforcing authority would be forced to face many problems including physical handling.

Thus there is a need of appropriate support, by local police.

In order to know the progress made so far, this on implementation of ban on Single Use Plastic and the Plastic Waste Management Rules, this meeting is convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Subhash B Adi, Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka and Chairman of State Level Committee on **02.08.2023 at 11.00 AM** at No. 49, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Parisara Bhavan, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Church Street, Bengaluru.

Hence, you are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

  
**Member Secretary**  
**And Member Convenor**  
 **NGT-SLC**

**To,**

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department, Room No.436, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore
2. The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, NR Square, Bengaluru-560002
3. The Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, V.V. Tower, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
4. The Director General of Police, Bengaluru Police Headquarters, Nrupathunga Road, beside RBI, Nunegundlapalli, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001
5. The Secretary, Public work department Govt.of Karnataka, PWD Annexe Building, Seshadri Road, SJP Campus, Near, K R Circle, Nunegundlapalli, Ambedkar Veedhi, Sampangi Rama Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001



6. The Chief Engineer, National Highway Authority of India 2nd Floor, Pwd Annexe Building, Kr Circle, Bangalore - 560001
7. The Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board, Nisargabhavan, Shivanagar, Thimmaiah Road, 7<sup>th</sup> D Main Road, Bengaluru 560051

