



### **ABSTRACT**

Environment – Ban on Single Use Plastic Items – Constitution of Special Task Force for monitoring the implementation of ban – Orders – Issued.

### **ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms).No.25**

**Dated: 07.02.2022**

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**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2053**

**Read:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.84, Environment and Forests (EC.2) Department, dated: 25.06.2018.
2. G.O.Ms.No.92, Environment and Forests (EC.2) Department, dated: 05.07.2018.

#### **Read also**

3. From the Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change D.O. Letter No. 17/6/2021-HSMD, dated: 24.06.2021.

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government Order second read above, Government have constituted a steering committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government to monitor the implementation of ban on one – time use and throwaway plastic irrespective of thickness with effect from 01.01.2019.

2. In the Government of India letter third read above, it has been decided to constitute a Special Task Force under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government for taking measures to eliminate single use plastic and also to prepare a Comprehensive Action Plan for it's implementation in a mission mode.

3. In modification of the Government Order second read above, the Government have decided to constitute a Special Task Force with the following composition for preparation of a Comprehensive Action Plan for it's implementation in mission mode:-

<b>1)</b>	The Chief Secretary Government of Tamil Nadu Chennai-600 009.	Chairman
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2)	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Chennai - 600 009.	Member
3)	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
4)	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai - 600 009.	Member
5)	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
6)	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
7)	The Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
8)	The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
9)	The Secretary to Government, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Chennai - 600 009.	Member
10)	The Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
11)	The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Chennai-9.	Member
12)	The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare & Sports Development Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member

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13)	The Secretary to Government, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, Chennai-600 009.	Member
14)	The Director of Environment, Chennai – 600 015.	Member
15)	The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai – 600 032.	Member
16)	The Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 09.	Member
17)	State Co-ordinator for Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 (Village/Rural)	Member
18)	State Coordinator for Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 (Urban)	Member
19)	The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-600 032.	Member & Convener

**The meetings of Task Force will be convened once in two months.**

\* The Chairperson may co-opt members as required.

**Terms of reference for the State level Special Task Force:-**

- i. To prepare a comprehensive Action Plan for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the plastic ban notification issued in Government G.O.Ms.No.84, Environment and Forests (EC.2) Department, dated 25.06.2018 and G.O.Ms.No.116, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC.2) Department, dated 27.11.2021 and phasing out of Single Use Plastics, with identified activities and timelines and synergizing efforts and resources of various Departments/Agencies at State, District and City level.
- ii. Assess plastic waste generated in State with respect to collection, recycling and end of life disposal and identify gaps in plastic waste management (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) - policy, implementation, enforcement, infrastructure etc.
- iii. Strengthen policy, regulatory, institutional mechanisms/structures for the implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR), 2016 and phasing out of Single Use Plastic (SUP) in the state, design appropriate management strategies and allow for allocation of financial resources for Plastic Waste Management including leveraging of funds from Swachh Bharat Mission.

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- iv. Take measures for effective enforcement of (i) Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended, and (ii) state/UT specific bans imposed on identified single use plastic items.
- v. Develop policies for supporting the adoption of alternatives to be identified against single use plastic items prohibited under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended.
- vi. Take measures to strengthen Urban Local Bodies/Gram Panchayats for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing, disposal of plastic waste.
- vii. Take measures for effective monitoring of implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended.
- viii. Prepare a detailed road map for activities to build awareness and outreach among public on plastic waste management and reduction in the use of SUP items.
- ix. Develop strategy for building a strong public movement for mitigation of plastic pollution by involving education institutions (schools, colleges, universities), NCC, NSS, Scouts, Youth clubs, Eco clubs, Opinion makers and voluntary organizations, with a detailed action plan in this regard.
- x. Effectively implement "Meendum Manjapai" Campaign through a broad based strategy for elimination of single use banned plastic products from Tamil Nadu.
- xi. Promote eco-alternatives by effectively documenting and incentivizing such initiatives.

4. In order to have an effective implementation at ground level i.e at local bodies level, District level and Municipal Corporation level, it is also proposed to constitute a District Level Task Force with following members :-

1)	The District Collector concerned,	Chairman
2)	The Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation/Municipal Commissioners from that District, as the case may be	Member
3)	The District Level Officer from the Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department	Member
4)	The District Level Officer from the Food safety and Consumer Protection Department	Member
5)	The Assistant Director of Town Panchayats	Member
6)	The Assistant Director/ Regional Director of Commissionerate of Municipal Administration	Member

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7)	The Assistant Director of Panchayats	Member
8)	The Regional Director of Collegiate Education	Member
9)	The Joint Director level Officer from the District Health and Family Welfare Department	Member
10)	The Chief Educational Officer concerned	Member
11)	The Joint/Assistant Commissioner from the Labour Welfare Department	Member
12)	The Deputy Director /Joint Director/ District Industries Centre (DIC)	Member
13)	The Public Relation Officer	Member
14)	The District Environmental Engineer of the district concerned, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member & Convener

5. Terms of reference for the District Level Task Force :-

- The District Level Task Force will implement the comprehensive Action Plan prepared by the Special Task Force for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the ban notification issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu for phasing out of Single Use Plastics at District and City level.
- The District Level Task Force will submit the plastic waste generated in the respective Districts with respect to collection, recycling and end of life disposal and identify gaps in plastic waste management
- The District Level Task Force shall take necessary measures for effective enforcement of (i) Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended, and (ii) The ban imposed in the State on identified single use plastic items.
- The District Level Task Force shall take measures to strengthen Urban Local Bodies/Grama Panchayats for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing, disposal of plastic waste.
- The District Level Task Force shall conduct necessary awareness activities with the strong public movement for mitigation of plastic pollution by involving education institutions (schools, colleges, universities), NCC, NSS, Scouts, Youth clubs, Eco clubs, Opinion makers and voluntary organizations.
- The District Level Task Force shall promote eco-alternatives in place of single use banned plastic items.
- District Level Task Force shall meet every month.

6. In respect of Greater Chennai Corporation area, the Principal Secretary / Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation will chair the Greater Chennai Area Task Force, with line department officials as mentioned in the District Level Task Force.

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7. Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department is designated as a Nodal Department in view of the Government Order first cited. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board will be the implementing agency to lead the people's movement against plastic in co-ordination with urban/rural local bodies.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)


SUPRIYA SAHU  
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The Director of Environment, Chennai - 15.  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
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The All District Collectors.  
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Chennai -9.  
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Hon'ble Minister (Environment, Climate Change &  
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The Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government,  
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