

Government of Punjab
Department of Science Technology & Environment
(STE Branch)

No.10/140/2022/STE-5/144

Dated, Chandigarh the 06 June, 2022

Instructions for execution of activities delineated in the Action Plan for phasing out Single Use Plastic (SUP) in State of Punjab

- 1) Whereas, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) issued a notification, dated 12 August, 2021 (Annexure-I) which mandated the banning of identified Single Use Plastic items & prescribed minimum thickness of carry bag w.e.f 1st July, 2022.
- 2) And Whereas, as per Rule 4(2) of Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:
 - a) ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration
 - b) plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100-micron, stirrer
- 3) And Whereas, as per Rule 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "Carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less than seventy-five microns in thickness with effect from 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from 31st December, 2022".
- 4) And Whereas, in compliance of MoEF&CCs Notification, CPCB has prepared the Comprehensive Action Plan to eliminate manufacture, storage, selling, import & usage of SUPs in line with timelines specified in the notification. A copy of the Action Plan for phasing out SUP along with Timelines is annexed as Annexure-II.

5) And whereas, as per the Comprehensive Action Plan prepared by CPCB, the concerned Authorities for execution of various activities for phasing out the SUP in the State are Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), Department of Local Government for urban areas, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats for rural areas, District Magistrates (DMs) & Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs).


6) And Whereas, the Assistant Director, Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC), Department of Local Government has been nominated as Nodal Officer by the State to periodically update the action taken with regard to implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended) & phasing out of SUP on the dashboard of MoEF&CC, Government of India.

7) And therefore, the Government has decided to issue following instructions for phasing out SUP in the State:

- (i) The Departments mentioned at Sr.No.5 shall ensure the compliance of the activities identified in the Action Plan for phasing out Single Use Plastic as per the prescribed timelines.
- (ii) The Nodal Officer shall co-ordinate with the concerned Departments for getting the action taken reports for submission to MoEF&CC, Government of India.
- (iii) The PPCB shall co-ordinate with DMs & SSPs, as indicated in the Comprehensive Action Plan for execution of activities falling in their jurisdiction.

8) This Issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Place : Chandigarh


Rahul Tewari, IAS
Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab

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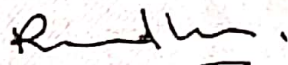
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Superintendent

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

- (i) Administrative Secretary, Local Government, Punjab.
- (ii) Administrative Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab.
- (iii) All Deputy Commissioners
- (iv) All Senior Superintendents of Police
- (v) Chief Executive Officer, PMIDC, Punjab.
- (vi) Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Punjab
- (vii) Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board.


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