

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No.Env-I-73/2003 (Pt) 1321/F&E, Bhubaneswar, the 19th /20th January 2004

ORDER

Whereas. Plastics are non-biodegradable and are a serious threat to the ecology;

And whereas, the State Government having considered all the pros and cons of the scenario decided to issue directions to ban the use of polythene carry bags in the state;

And whereas, a notice was published as required under sub-rule (3-A) of rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 inviting objections or suggestions from all persons likely to be affected by the said directions;

And whereas, no objection was received in connection with the said direction and one suggestion received has been duly considered;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with notification of Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Department of Environment, Forests and Wild Life) No. SO-152 (E), dated The 10th February 1988 and rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules 1986, the State Government do hereby issue the following directions:-

Direction

1. No person shall:-
 - (a) sell, import or store non-biodegradable polythene carry bag (less than 20 micron thick) in the state of Orissa;
 - (b) being a vendor, use such polythene carry bag for storing, carrying, dispensing or packaging of any article or commodity, or
 - (c) litter any public place with polythene carry bags.

Note- The expression 'vendor' shall mean any person who sells articles, or commodities packed or stored in polythene carry bags
2. The authorities or owners of places of religious worship or institutions, hotels and restaurants and other agencies shall ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid directions.
3. The Municipal authorities and other concerned agencies shall take necessary measures to cause wide publicity of the impact of polythene carry bags and their littering at public places, on environment and health and the penalty provisions of the said Act and rules through Press and other media. They shall display signboards at appropriate places regarding prohibition of polythene carry bags as specified under item 1 above.
4. The owners/proprietors of Cinema halls and local T.V. channels shall also exhibit slides regarding the restriction of polythene use in the State for a period of six months from the date of issue of this order.
5. The State Pollution Control Board shall make necessary public awareness campaign in different places of the State through Non-Government organizations and educational institutions
6. This order shall take effect from 26th January, 2004

By order of the Governor
Sd/- G.B. Mukherji
Principal Secretary to the Government

Memo No 1322/F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy forwarded to Director of Printing, Stationery and Publication, Madhupatna, Cuttack with a request to publish the Resolution in an extraordinary issue of the Orissa Gazette and supply 100 copies of the order to this Department

Sd./-

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1323 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy forwarded to All Departments/ All heads of the Departments/ All Revenue Divisional Commissioners for information and necessary action All Departments are requested to circulate copies of the order among all State Public Sector Undertakings/ Corporations/ All Local Bodies under their administrative jurisdiction to comply with the direction.

Sd/-

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1324 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy forwarded to All Collectors/ All S.P.s for information and necessary action. They are also requested to circulate copies of the order among the Administrator of temples and owners of cinema halls/TV channels operating under their jurisdictions for strictly complying with the directions.

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1325 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy forwarded to Director, Doordarshan Bhubaneswar/ All India Radio, Cuttack/ OTV Bhubaneswar/ ETV Bhubaneswar for information with a direction to broadcast the direction as mentioned in the order, during prime time.

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1326 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy forwarded to P.S. to Chief Minister, Orissa /P.S. to Minister, Environment/P.S. to Chief Secretary/P.S. to Agriculture Production Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary/ P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt. Forest & Environment Department for kind information of Chief Minister/Minister, Environment/ Chief Secretary/A.P.C-cum-A.C.S../Principal Secretary Forest & Environment Department respectively

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1327 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

Copy to the Chairman Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution Control Board.

Senior Scientist (PC)

Memo No 1328 /F&E., dated the 20th January, 2004

10 copies for guard file.

Senior Scientist (PC)