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A copy of letter No. ED/2019/1148 dated 24.07.2019 received from the Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration is forwarded to the System Analyst, IT Centre, GMCH with a request to e-circulate/email the same to all the HODs/Branch Inchargès of GMCH Chandigarh for information and necessary action.

Encl. As above.

Superintendent (Estt. IV)

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CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Notification

Chandigarh, Dated the24/7/2019

No. ED/2019/1148.. - Whereas the Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh intends to issue the following notification in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. S.O. 667 (E) dated the 10th September, 1992. The draft notification is hereby published and placed in the public domain as required under sub-rule (3) of Rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for the information of all concerned persons who are likely to be affected thereby.

Notice is hereby given that the draft will be taken into consideration by the Chandigarh Administration on or after the expiry of the period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Chandigarh Administration Gazette.

Therefore, any person interested in filing any objection/suggestion against the proposed draft notification may do so in writing to the Director Environment, Department of Environment, Paryavaran Bhawan Building, (3rd Floor), Sector 19-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160019 or on direnvchandigarh@gmail.com within the said period of sixty days.

Reasons/Object of Notification

Whereas the polythene bags are non bio-degradable, choke drains and sewerages and pollute soil, water and air. The polythene bags are also being used to deliver food stuffs which cause the toxic affect. The Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration has already prohibited/banned the use, supply, manufacture, storage, import, sale or transport of polythene/plastic carry bags in Union Territory, Chandigarh vide notification No. ED/2008/684, dated 30th July, 2008.

And whereas it is noticed that just like polythene/plastic carry bags, single use items made up of plastic, styrofoam or thermocol are equally harmful to the environment. Single-use plastics often also referred to as disposable plastics (use-and-throw items), are commonly used for packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away. Single-use plastic items are difficult to recycle and can take upto 500-1000 years to degrade, contaminating our soil and water. The toxic chemicals used to manufacture plastic get transferred to animal tissue, eventually entering the human food chain. Styrofoam contains carcinogenic chemicals like styrene and benzene. Toxins in Styrofoam containers can leach into food and drinks, and this risk seems to be accentuated when people reheat the food while still in the container. Disposing of plastic waste by burning releases toxic fumes of furan and dioxin, which are carcinogenic in nature and deteriorates the quality of air and gives rise to number of respiratory diseases in living beings.

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Whereas in supersession of the earlier notification issued by Department of Environment, Chandigarh Administration, bearing No. ED/2008/684, dated 30th July, 2008, the Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh exercising the powers conferred on him under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. S.O. 667 (E) dated the 10th September, 1992 directs that no person including a shopkeeper, vendor, whole seller or retailer, trader, hawker or rehriwala etc. shall manufacture, store, import, sell, transport, supply or use polythene/plastic carry bags or single-use plastic items made of non-biodegradable materials, items made up of thermocol/styrofoam such as:

- 1) Plastic Cutlery (plates, cups, glasses, bowls, forks, knives, spoons, straws)
- 2) Thermocol/ Styrofoam Cutlery (plates, cups and bowls)
- 3) Disposable dish or bowl used for packaging of food in hotels.
- 4) Silver plastic foil bag/plastic silver pouch (for packing food items)
- 5) PET water bottle having water holding capacity of less than 500 ml including drinking water sealed glasses,
- 6) Single-time use (Use & throw) razors.
- 7) Single-time use (Use & throw) pens

- 8) Plastic stationery products used for office & education
- 9) Use of Plastic & Thermocol for decoration purpose
- 10) Non-woven polypropylene bags
- 11) Polythene/Plastic carry bags irrespective of size and shape.

The Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh hereby further directs that the following Officers shall implement this notification related to use, storage, import, selling, transportation and disposal and authorizes them to file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, namely:-

1. Director, Environment, Chandigarh Administration.
2. Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh.
3. Sub-Divisional Magistrates in their respective jurisdiction.
4. Joint Commissioner-I & II, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
5. District Food & Supply Officer, Chandigarh Administration.
6. Inspectors, Food & Supply Department, U.T., Chandigarh.
7. Medical Health Officer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
8. Sanitary Inspectors, o/o Medical Health Officer, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
9. Food Safety Officers of Health Department, U.T., Chandigarh.

The Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh shall act as the co-ordinator to implement this notification related to ban on the use, storage, import, selling, transportation and disposal of single-use plastic items made of non-biodegradable materials, items made up of thermocol/styrofoam and polythene/plastic carry bags.

The Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh hereby, further directs that the following officers shall enforce this notification related to manufacture and also authorizes them to file complaints under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, namely:-

1. Director, Environment, Chandigarh Administration.
2. Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh.
3. Member Secretary, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee.
4. Scientist 'B', Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee.
5. Assistant Environmental Engineer, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee.

The Member Secretary, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee shall act as the co-ordinator to implement the ban on manufacture of single-use plastic items made of non-biodegradable materials, items made up of thermocol/styrofoam and polythene/plastic carry bags.

Any person causing breach of the aforesaid prohibition shall be liable for the penalties as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and orders of Hon'ble NGT, which are as follows and as amended from time to time:

- I. **Under Section 15 of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986**, whoever fails to comply with the aforesaid orders, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or with both.
- II. **Under Section 5 of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986**, any person causing breach of the aforesaid prohibition shall face/deal with the following circumstances:
 - a) the closure, prohibition or regulation of any industry, operation or process; or
 - b) stoppage or regulation of the supply of electricity or water or any other service.
- III. **Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT)** in it's order dated 04.12.2015 in O.A. No. 442 titled as R.D. Anand Vs. Chandigarh Union Territory Administration & Anr., directed that any person who is found to be using, storing, purchasing, dealing with or

distributing plastic bags, plastic plates or plastic glasses and such allied items shall be liable to pay environmental compensation at the rate of Rs. 5000/- per event."

ARUN KUMAR GUPTA, IAS
Principal Secretary Environment,
Chandigarh Administration.

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Chandigarh, Dated the

A copy is forwarded to the Controller, Printing & Stationery, U.T. Chandigarh with the request to publish this notification in the Chandigarh Administration Gazette (Extraordinary) and to supply 50 copies thereof to this Department.

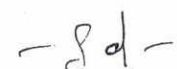

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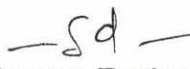
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Director, Environment,
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A copy is forwarded to the Director Public Relation, Chandigarh Administration with the request that the above notification may kindly be given wide publicity.


Director, Environment,
for Principal Secretary Environment,
Chandigarh Administration.

No.ED/2019/ 1165

Chandigarh, Dated the 24/7/19

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Director, Environment,
for Principal Secretary Environment,
Chandigarh Administration.