



Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board

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Office Order

The State has imposed a ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags as well as identified SUP items vide various orders of the State/Central Government. The State Pollution Control Board as part of its mandate under the Air & Water Acts regulates manufacturing of these banned items.

To ensure the effective implementation of the ban through public involvement, it has been decided to provide financial reward of Rs. 5000/- in cases where such credible information results in identification of a manufacturing unit producing the banned items. The reward shall be given for such information on a first come basis to ensure that reward is disbursed only once for a unit. The scheme for reward is enclosed herewith.

On receiving information, the Regional Officer shall ensure the closure of the manufacturing units and seal the premises. Regional Officers are hereby delegated the power for closure of such units under the provisions of Section 33 A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31 A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The proposals for imposition of Environmental Compensation may be forwarded within 03 days of the closure.

The expenditure for the reward may be met from I- Expenditure (Revenue), G- IEC & Publications, 506(iv) - IEC activities.

This bears approval of the competent authority.

Encl: As above


(B. Praveen)

Member Secretary

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Date: 26/04/2023

Copy to following for information and necessary action:-

1. PS to the Chairperson, RSPCB, Jaipur.
2. Director Local Bodies, Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. Director cum Joint Secretary, DOE&CC, GOR, Jaipur.
4. Chief Accounts Officer, RSPCB, Jaipur.
5. GIC Project Cell, RSPCB, Jaipur with request to give wide publicity to the scheme.
6. Regional Officer, Regional Office, RSPCB, Hanumangarh/ Bikaner/ Jhunjhunu/ Sikar/ Alwar/ Bhiwadi/ Jaipur (North)/ Jaipur (South)/ Kishangarh/ Nagaur/ Bharatpur/ Sawaimadhopur/ Jodhpur/ Jaisalmer/ Balotra/ Sirohi/ Pali/ Udaipur/ Kota/ Bundi/ Bhilwara/ Chittorgarh/ Jhalawar/ Rajsamand/ Banswara for compliance.


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Reward Scheme for citizens providing information of banned plastic item manufacturing units



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A. Introduction:-

Keeping in view short-term and long-term environmental damage and health risks of plastic carry bags, the State Government had banned use, manufacturing, storage, import, sale and transportation of plastic carry bags by notification dated 21.07.2010 w.e.f. 01.08.2010. However, **to promote use of compostable plastic as an alternative, the bio-degradable/compostable plastic carry bags have been excluded from the purview of ban vide State Govt. notification dated 31.12.2021.**

Littered plastic waste on land and aquatic environment find its way into the water bodies, affecting the marine ecosystem. Single-use plastic items form a significant portion of the littered waste. Single Use Plastics (SUPs) are commonly defined as plastic materials (like disposable cutlery, packaging films) that are used once or for a very short period of time, before being thrown away. High consumption of SUPs and its short-term usage lead to high disposal rates. Considering the high environmental cost associated with the use of Single-use plastic, particularly the adverse effect on soil, water bodies and on marine environment, the MoEF &CC, Government of India, has notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, which prohibits use, manufacturing, storage, import, sale and transportation of following identified 19 single-use plastic items with effect from 01.07. 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, stirrers.**

B. Mandate:-

The State Pollution Control Board as part of its mandate under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 regulates manufacturing of these banned items.

To implement the aforesaid ban on identified plastic items, the State Board has been regularly carrying out inspections and taking punitive action against the violators (manufacturers) of the ban. In addition, the State Board has been carrying intensive Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities through electronic and social media to create awareness regarding ban on SUP and plastic carry bags.

Despite pursuant efforts of the State Board for implementation of the ban, banned plastic materials still find their way to shops/local markets/stockists/vending zone/commercial establishments etc.

C. Objective:-

- To create awareness among citizens regarding elimination of banned plastic materials.
- To ensure effective implementation of the ban through public involvement.

D. About the scheme:-

To ensure the effective implementation of the ban through public involvement, it has been decided to provide financial reward of Rs. 5000/- in cases where such credible information results in identification of manufacturing units producing the banned plastic items after due verification by the State Board.

Note: The reward would be given for every such information on a first come basis to ensure that reward is disbursed only once for a unit.

E. Procedure for implementation of the scheme :-

1. **Receipt of Information/complaint through official email/mobile with the concerned Regional Office of the State Board from citizens regarding banned plastic material manufacturing units with contact details of the informant. (Identity of such person shall be kept secret)**



2. **Verification of the manufacturing unit by the concerned Regional Office of the State Board within 03 working days.**



3. **Ensuring closure of the industry by the State Board on the basis of such information by issuing directions of closure under section 33 A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & section 31 A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.**



4. **Reward to be provided by the concerned Regional Officer on first come basis to ensure that reward is disbursed only once for a unit. RO shall keep a record of the disbursement made to the informants in his personal custody and payment may be made in a discrete manner.**

F. Responsible authority for evaluation and distribution of reward

Concerned Regional Officer of the State Board.

G. Reporting to the Head Office

All Regional Officers shall forward **quarterly report to the Head Office in enclosed format (Annexure “A”)**.

Annexure “A”

Name of Regional Office:

Date of Information received	Name and address of the industry engaged in manufacturing of banned material	Date of verification of industry	Action taken against the industry	Date of reward disbursed to informant