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NOTIFICATION

That Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, issued a circular on 23-05-2007, wherein manufacture, use and storage of plastic carry bags of thickness below 40 microns and its size 12"X16" has been prohibited in the State of West Bengal and use of recycle or colour plastic bag to carry food stuffs has already been prohibited for health reason. Copy of the circular issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, dated 23-05-2007 issued under Memo No. EN/981/T-V-1/002/2004 is enclosed herewith.

In conformity with the suggestion given by the Government of India under Memo No. J-14013/56/07-PHC-II dated 07-01-2008, it has been decided that for effective control of use of unauthorized carry bags, 'pollution cost' will be realized in the following manner:-

- (a) In respect of shop owners ... Rs.500/-
- (b) In respect of users .. Rs. 50/-

3. Such pollution cost will be imposed by the competent officers, as decided by the Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police in their respective jurisdiction. The collected 'pollution cost' will be utilized by the authorities for the purpose of environment cause of their respective areas.

4. It is made clear that at the time of imposition of 'pollution cost' and collection from the shop keepers or from any individual as per the quantum referred above, proper receipt should be given by the authorities to whom the power has been delegated in this Memo.

4. Proper accounting should be made by the aforementioned authorities, so that the State Plastic Management Committee, West Bengal, from time to time, can supervise the work of the implementing agencies for proper and effective execution of plastic carry bag management norms.

5. Manufacturers and stockists of unauthorized plastic carry bags are liable to face prosecution and other regulatory orders as conferred under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made there under, apart from the aforementioned payment of pollution cost.

6. The aforementioned authorities i.e. Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police are at liberty to approach before the State Plastic Management Committee, West Bengal, or West Bengal Pollution Control Board, for any clarification or technical assistance in this regard.

7. This order will take immediate effect.

By Order,

Sd/-

(M. L. Meena)

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And

Chairman, State Plastic Management Committee.