



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Environment Department- Non natural fibre alternatives to banned Single use plastic items- Entrusting State Pollution Control Board for testing and notifying alternative materials - Orders issued

ENVIRONMENT (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.128/2019/ENVT Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 31/12/2019

Read 1 G.O(Ms)7/2019/Envvt dt 17.12.2019

2 G.O(Ms) 6/2019/Envvt dt 27.11.2019

ORDER

As per Government Order read as 2nd paper above, State Government have imposed a complete ban on the manufacture, storage, transport and sale of single -use plastic items in the State w.e.f 1.1.2020 , further modified and clarified the matter as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above. In furtherance to the decision of Government to ban single-use plastic items, there have been huge demand for alternative materials that can replace single use plastic. Many parties have also approached State Government with the claim to have discovered alternatives for the banned plastic, that are compostable as well as bio-degradable.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail. The veracity of the alternative materials have to be lab tested and verified before the material is brought to the market. Hence Government are pleased to entrust Kerala State Pollution Control Board for testing and notifying alternative materials that can substitute the banned single-use plastic items. Testing the suitability of the alternatives for single-use plastic items shall be done with the assistance of CSIR- National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and
Technology , Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Thiruvananthapuram

The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board

The Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change

The Director, Department of Urban affairs

The Director, Panchayath Department

All District Collectors

The Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission

The Managing Director, Clean Kerala Company ltd

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