



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Environment Department- Hon'ble High Court Order dated 9.12.2019 in WP(C)33114/2019 filed by Sprout Private Limited- Complied -Orders issued

**ENVIRONMENT(B) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.129/2019/ENVT Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 31/12/2019**

- Read 1 High Court Order dt 9.12.2019 in WP(C) No.33114 of 2019 filed by Sprout Private Ltd  
2 G.O(Ms)No. 7/2019/Envt dt 17.12.2019  
3 G.O(Ms)No.6/2019/Envt dt 27.11.2019

**ORDER**

Sprout Private Ltd, a manufacturer of paper cups have filed WP(C)33114/2019 before the High Court aggrieved by the issuance of Government order read as 3rd paper above whereby Government have imposed a complete ban on the manufacture, storage, transport and sale of of singe-use plastic items in the State of Kerala w.e.f 1.1.2020 including plastic paper cups. The petitioner claim that they are involved in manufacture of paper cups using water based coated sheets , which are 100 % bio degradable and hence the Government order is detrimental to his interest and therefore approached Government with a representation dtated 5.12.2019 (Ext P8) requesting to exempt their products from the ban.

The Hon'ble High Court as per the order read as 1st paper above directed Government to take a decision on Ext P8 representation before 31.12.2019 after affording the petitioner an opportunity of hearing. Based on the Hon'ble High Court order , the petitioner (represented by advocate)was heard on 28/12/2019.

Government have examined the matter in detail and order as follows:

Plastic has been posing both environmental as well as health hazard and the uncontrolled use of plastic has been a danger to the future mankind. Therefore State Government took a policy decision to ban single-use plastic items in the State w.e.f 1.1.2020. State Government have already issued a revised order vide G.O(Ms) No.7/2019/Envvt dt 17.12.2019 issuing further clarification /modification to the earlier Government Order. As per the order, all plastic coated cups, plastic coated plates, plastic coated paper bags and plastic coated paper bowls are banned and compostable plastic having specification as in the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 has been exempted from the ban. Paper cups using water based coated sheets , which are 100 % bio degradable does not come under the ban . The degradability/compostability has to be lab certified by the Kerala State Pollution Control Board.

The Hon'ble High Court order dated 9/12/2019 in wp(c) No 33114 of 2019 is thus complied with.

(By order of the Governor)  
**VALSA.V**  
**ADDITIONAL SECRETARY**

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