

# 1st Meeting of Special Task Force, Himachal Pradesh constituted for taking measures to eliminate Single Use Plastics (SUPs)



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# Background

For **Single Use Plastic (SUP)** items elimination 1st meeting convened by Govt. of India on 24/2/2021 followed by National Task Force 1st Meeting on 31/8/2021 with following directions:

- Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 to be implemented by States.
- Constitution of Special Task Force to work in this issue in mission mode (Constituted on dated 09.02.2022)
- Launch of targeted and wider awareness campaign
- Different groups targeted to achieve objectives, e.g.
  - A. Essay Competition among students
  - B. Organizations like NCC, NSS , Nehru Yuva Kendra etc
  - C. Hackathon among students and start ups to promote innovations in the areas of alternate materials, recycling, circular economy etc.

# Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021

- **Prohibition on the following single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities w.e.f. 1st July 2022:**
  - ✓ Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;
  - ✓ 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.
- **Thickness of Plastic carry bags increased to 75 microns (30.9.2021) and to 120 microns (31.12.2022)**
- **Guidelines for Extended Producer Responsibility being brought out have been given legal force**

# Managing Plastic Waste and Single Use Plastics

Strategy for the State comprises of:

1. Engage with stakeholders Distt. Admn., Deptts. UDD, RDD, Industry etc.
2. Regulatory compliances, Control Littering, Phasing out SUP.
3. Strengthen regulatory regime for phasing out identified single-use plastic items (low utility and high littering potential)
4. Identify fostering innovation for alternatives of single use plastics.
5. Focus on waste management infrastructure and strengthening of institutional mechanism – Town & Gram Panchayat level.
6. City level Action Plan
7. Awareness generation and behavioural change (development of public movement)
8. Reporting, Monitoring & Evaluation

## Special Task Force at State Level

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| 1.  | Chief Secretary  | Chairman                |
| 2.  | Administrative Secretary (Industries)  | Member                  |
| 3.  | Administrative Secretary (Labour & Employment)                                       | Member                  |
| 4.  | Administrative Secretary (Env.,Sci.&Tech.)   | Member                  |
| 5.  | Administrative Secretary (Urban Development)-<br><b>(Nodal Deptt.)</b>               | Member                  |
| 6.  | Administrative Secretary (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj)- <b>(Nodal Deptt.)</b> | Member                  |
| 7.  | Administrative Secretary (Education)   | Member                  |
| 8.  | Administrative Secretary (Youth Services & Sports)                                   | Member                  |
| 9.  | Director, Department of Env.,Sci.,& Technology                                       | <b>Member Secretary</b> |
| 10. | Member Secretary, HP State Pollution Control Board                                   | Member                  |
| 11. | Director, Department of Information & Public Relation                                | Member                  |
| 12. | State Co-coordinator, Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 (Rural)                              | Member                  |
| 13. | Project Officer, State Co-coordinator, Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 (Urban)             | Member                  |

## District level Task Force

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| 1.  | District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners                          | Chairman         |
| 2.  | Superintendents of Police   | Member           |
| 3.  | Addl. District Magistrates & Sub-Divisional Magistrates             | Member           |
| 4.  | Block Development Officers, Panchyati Raj                           | Member           |
| 5.  | Commissioners, Municipal Corporation                                | Member           |
| 6.  | Chief Medical Officers, HP  | Member           |
| 7.  | Deputy /Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioners, H.P              | Member           |
| 8.  | Divisional Forest Officers, H.P                                     | Member           |
| 9.  | District Tourism Development Officers                               | Member           |
| 10. | Regional Officers, Pollution Control Board                          | Member-Secretary |
| 11. | Regional Transport Officers, HRTC                                   | Member           |
| 12. | District Food & Civil Supplies Controllers, H.P                     | Member           |
| 13. | Executive Officers/Secretaries, Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchyats. | Member           |

# Expectations from States

- Designation of a nodal Department by State /UTs DEST, UD & RD
- Constitution of Special Task Force (STF) under chairperson of Chief Secretary – City level and District level taskforce Constituted (Dated 09.02.2022)
- Preparation of Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) Prepared, for discussion today
- Implementation of CAP as per timelines Prepared ,for discussion today
- Ban on identified SUP items w.e.f. from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022
- Measures taken for enforcement of ban Mechanism already exists & Further orders.
- State-wise quarterly assessment with reference to Single Use Plastic items SPCB
- Promotion of alternatives to prohibited SUP items and awareness Generation towards prohibition of SUP items All Stakeholders
- Action taken for reducing /elimination of single use plastic items in Government offices, attached /subordinate offices, PSUs/ organization Prepared, for discussion today

## **Indicative Thematic Areas covered under the Action Plan**

1. Policy and regulatory framework
2. Institutional mechanism
3. Management of littered single use plastic items
4. Plastic waste management including single use plastics
5. Enforcement of ban imposed on the use of identified single use plastic items at District / ULB /GP level
6. Plastic recycling infrastructure and end of life disposal facilities
7. Development and promotion of alternatives to prohibited single use plastic items and promoting innovation
8. Data collection and monitoring mechanism
9. Awareness generation and capacity building
10. Action taken for reducing /elimination of single use plastic items in State/UT Government offices, attached /subordinate offices, PSUs/ organizations.

## 1. Policy and Regulatory Framework

- Preparation of a comprehensive action plan for elimination of single use plastics
- Policy for inclusion of components relating to elimination of Single Use Plastic (SUP) and remediation/management of legacy waste in project proposals under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0
- Policy for development of decentralized recycling infrastructure/End of Life Disposal infrastructure, with special focus on low-value plastics
- Policy for effective enforcement of PWMR through bye-laws of local bodies (like spot fines)
- Adoption of sustainable public procurement policy for products and plastic packaging material made of recycled plastics, and alternatives to identified single use plastics, as per applicable standards

## 2. Institutional mechanism

- Constitution of State Level Special Task Force
- Constitution of District Level Task Force (excluding million plus cities) under District Magistrate (for both rural areas and urban areas)
- Identification of nodal department for coordinating the implementation of plastic waste management (for urban as well as rural areas)
- Constitution of City Level Task Force for million plus cities: under Commissioner of Municipal Corporation or Deputy Commissioner or District Magistrate or any other officer of suitable rank as deemed appropriate by the State Government
- Setting up of a plastic waste management cell at State level (each in Urban and Rural Development Departments or the concerned Departments), District level (in Zila Parishad for all the rural areas), and in each ULB

### **3. Management of Littered Single Use Plastic Items**

- Identification of littering hot spots with respect to SUP items and development of strategy for their collection and further management
- Identification of ingress points of littered single use plastic items in surface water bodies and drains and strategy for prevention
- Phased plan for cleaning surface water bodies, and drains of floating single use plastic items and their further management
- Document total quantity of plastic waste present in legacy waste sites and implementation of plan to manage legacy plastic waste - location-wise
- Activities to be specifically included under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 for SUP elimination and management of legacy waste sites, as per guidelines

## 4. Plastic Waste Management including Single Use Plastics

- Assessment of plastic waste generation in State, District-wise
- Assessment of infrastructure required for plastic waste management – collection , segregation, recycling / EOLD (End Of Life Disposal) - District – wise
- District-wise details of infrastructure at municipal and gram panchayat level for collection, segregation and channelization of plastic waste to recyclers/EOLD
- Gap analysis and strategy for development of infrastructure for PWM – District-wise including ULBs
- Leveraging of funds under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, as per guidelines
- Strategy for collection and segregation of plastic waste at the municipal and GP level
- Scheme for registration of Producers/Importers and Brand Owners and Recyclers and Plastic Waste Processors by SPCB/PCC
- Development of database of PIBO implementing EPR
- Scheme for verification/audit of recyclers, PIBOs (Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners, EOLD (End Of Life Disposal) entities by SPCB/PCC
- Strategy for regular data collection with respect to plastic waste and reporting under PWMR by State/UT and ULBs

## **5. Enforcement of Ban Imposed on the use of Identified Single Use Plastic Items at District / ULB /GP level**

- Regular enforcement drives and action taken against violations
- Identification and closure of manufacturing facilities of prohibited SUP items

## **6. Plastic Recycling Infrastructure and End of Life Disposal Facilities (EOLD)**

- Development of database of recyclers of plastic category wise and also EOLD entities including recycling capacity
- Development of plan for setting up recycling facilities
- Incentive scheme for setting up of plastic recycling capacity category-wise
- Development of industrial composting facilities for compostable plastics: Number and quantity
- Development of infrastructure for EOLD, - Waste to oil, waste to energy, road construction, co-processing cement kilns
- Scheme for promotion of recycling technologies and products made from recycled plastics

## **7. Development and Promotion of Alternatives to Prohibited Single Use Plastic Items and Promoting Innovation**

- Development of scheme for providing assistance in setting up manufacturing capacities of alternatives including for enterprises transitioning away from single use plastics (Number of enterprises, Quantity)
- Providing incentives for penetration of alternatives in the market
- Development of database of producers of alternative products including compostable plastic manufacturing capacity
- Promotion scheme for alternatives to prohibited single use plastic items
- Scheme for promoting producers to change design of plastic packaging to reduce use of plastic packaging material
- Research and Development on creating alternative packaging materials to plastics

## 8. Data Collection and Monitoring Mechanism

- Online public grievance/complaints portal
- Mechanism to undertake regular quarterly survey for
  - (i) prohibited single-use plastic items in plastic waste and
  - (ii) compositional characterization of plastic waste in the following categories
    - (a) Rigid plastic packaging including multilayered packaging,
    - (b) Flexible plastic packaging -single layered and multilayered of the plastics only and
    - (c) Multi layered multimaterial (at least one layer of plastic and at least one layer of other material) plastic packaging

## 9. Awareness Generation and Capacity Building

- Preparation of road map for awareness generation activities at State, District and ULB/GP level for citizens, institutional waste generators, Market associations
- Development of a public movement by engaging with youth organizations such as NCC, NSS, NYK and school students
- Strategy for targeted campaign at littering hotspots such as tourist spots, places of religious and cultural importance, weekly markets, urban sprawls against littering, and promoting alternate packaging material
- Capacity building for repurposing and promoting reuse of plastic packaging
- Capacity building of ULBs and GPs for PWM

## **10. Action taken for reducing /elimination of single use plastic items in State Government offices, attached /subordinate offices, PSUs/ organization**

- Preparation of roadmap/guidelines for reducing /elimination of single use plastic items in State Government offices, attached /subordinate offices, PSUs/ organization

## Delegation of Powers to various officers/ Legal provisions for checking of Violations under PWM Rules

State Government officials at different levels authorized to compound any offence punishable under H.P. Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1995

- All District Magistrate in Himachal Pradesh
- The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla
- All Addl. Dy. Commissioners in H.P.
- All the District Magistrates in H.P.
- All Sub-Divisional Magistrates in H.P.
- All Superintendents of Police in H.P.
- All Chief Medical Officers in H.P.
- The Assistant Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla
- All Deputy Assistant Excise and Taxation Offices in H.P. and Excise and Taxation Officer, Kinnaur.
- All Sub-Divisional Police Officers and Deputy Superintendents of Police posted in the S.P.'s Office.
- All concerned Divisional Forest Officers in H.P.
- All Tehsildars in H.P.
- All Executive Engineers, Assistant Environment Engineers of H.P. State Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
- All District/Assistant Tourism Development Officers in H.P. posted in the Districts.
- All District Food and Supplies Controllers in H.P.
- All Tehsildars in H.P.
- All Naib Tehsildars in H.P. posted in Districts.
- All Executive Officers, Municipal Councils in H.P.
- All Secretaries of all Nagar Panchayats in H.P.

### Compounding Criteria

#	Quantity of prohibited variety of carry-bags	Amount in Rupees.
1.	Upto 100 gms	500
2.	101-500 gms	1500
3.	501 gms -1 kg	3000
4.	Above 1 kg to 5 kg	10,000
5.	Above 5 kg to 10 kg	20,000
6.	More than 10 kg	25,000



**Thank you...**