

Date: 27th February, 2020

To

1. All Regional Directors of NSS
2. All State NSS Officers

Sub: Curbing usage of Single Use Plastic and impetus to Plastic Waste Management -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change D.O. No. 17/1/2017-HSMD dated 13th February, 2020 in an attempt to provide an impetus to the Departments efforts of curbing out the single use plastic or short life Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC), plastic polymers, etc. and manage plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner throughout their life cycle in accordance with the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016.

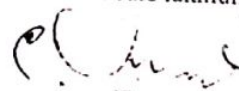
Efforts should be made to ensure use of cloth banners, light weight textile fabrics, wrinkle resistant wrap knit, natural-fibre based sandwich boards, resin-infused paper, particle boards, etc.

In this regard, you are requested to kindly instruct all NSS Units/ Colleges/ Universities/ Schools to support and reiterate the need for eliminating the use of single use of plastic and adopt environment friendly alternatives as contained in the letter.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above


Yours faithfully,


(Dr. C. Samuel Chelliah)
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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

D.O. No. 17/1/2017-HSMD

Dated: 13th February, 2020

Dear Secretary,

At the outset, I would like to appreciate the efforts made by you and your team towards achieving a cleaner, greener and safe environment. As you are aware, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (PWMR, 2016) to manage plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner throughout their life cycle. Several States and UTs have implemented regulations supplementing PWMR, 2016 to ensure effective management of plastic waste.

In continuance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's call to curb single use plastic and phase out its use by 2022, I would like to draw your attention to Single use or short life PVC flex boards or posters being indiscriminately used in governmental institutions and offices for short term advertisement and other purposes. Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC), a plastic polymer, is a non-biodegradable material and if burned, releases toxic fumes such as dioxins, furans etc. The harmful toxins may get bio-accumulated in the food chain of ecosystems causing a serious hazard to human health and environment.

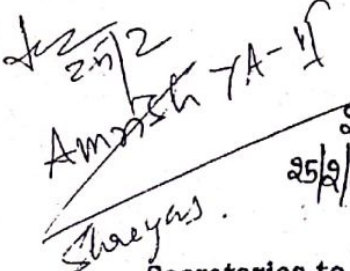
In order to combat plastic pollution, reduction in use of avoidable plastics is necessary. Therefore, use of single use or short life PVC flex for banners and posters in government offices or its functions should be strictly avoided. Alternatives such as cloth banners, light weight textile fabrics, wrinkle resistant wrap knit, natural-fibre based sandwich boards, resin-infused paper, particle boards etc. can be used. Such a step will help strengthen our national resolve to combat plastic pollution on the country.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the need for eliminating the use of Single use or short life PVC flex, banners and posters in all Government institutions and offices.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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