



## **ABSTRACT**

Environment, Climate Change - Implementation of ban on use of Single Use Plastics in Government Departments / Institutions/ Public Sector Undertakings in Tamil Nadu – Orders – Issued.

### **ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms).No:35**

**Dated: 24.02.2024**

**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு- 2055**

**சோபகிருது, மாசி - 12,**

**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms) No.84, Environment and Forest (EC2) department, dated: 25.06.2018.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.116, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC2) department, dated: 27.11.2021.
3. G.O (Ms) No 25, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC2) department, dated: 07.02.2022.
4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Letter No. T1/ TNPCB/F.03169/SUP Free Govt. Offices/2023, dated: 08/02/2024.

### **ORDER:**

During the Budget session 2021 – 2022, the Government of Tamil Nadu has made an announcement on the floor of the Assembly on 03.09.2021, calling for the implementation of the ban on Single Use Plastics. A State Campaign Titled “Meendum Manjappai”, a call for back to basics and into the future with traditional nature based solutions” was also launched in December, 2021.

2. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been effectively implementing the Meendum Manjappai campaign throughout the State by enforcing the ban on Single Use Plastics (SUP), Carrying out awareness/ IEC activities and promoting eco-friendly alternatives to banned SUPs.

3. To ensure the effective monitoring of the ban on SUP items, a special task force was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 07.02.2022. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) has also been actively conducting various enforcement activities to curb the



manufacture of banned SUP items and conducting awareness on banned Single Use Plastic items under the Meendum Manjappai campaign.

4. In order to further strengthen the campaign against Single Use Plastics, the Government directs all Government Departments and Institutions/ Corporations/Boards and Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Government Departments (herein after referred to as Government Offices) to strictly implement the ban on Single Use Plastics in their premises, including the canteens, pantries, Government events, meetings and functions. The exhaustive list of banned items by Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India, are as given below:-

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>List of banned items</b>	<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>List of banned items</b>
1.	Plastic sheet / cling film used for food wrapping	15.	Plastic carry bags of all size & thickness
2.	Plastic sheet used for spreading on dining table	16.	Candy with plastic sticks
3.	Plastic Thermocol plates	17.	Ice-cream with plastic sticks
4.	Plastic coated paper plates	18.	Polystyrene for decoration
5.	Plastic coated paper cups	19.	Cutlery such as plastic forks
6.	Plastic tea cups	20.	plastic spoons
7.	Plastic tumbler	21.	Plastic knives
8.	Thermocol cups	22.	Wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes
9.	Plastic coated carry bags	23.	Wrapping or packaging films around invitation cards
10.	Non-woven Carry Bags	24.	Wrapping or packaging films around cigarette packets
11.	Water pouches / packets	25.	Plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron
12.	Plastic straw	26.	Plastic stirrers
13.	Plastic flags	27.	Plastic trays
14.	Ear buds with plastic sticks		

5. In addition to the above all Government Offices, Department and Institutions / Corporations / Board and Public Sector undertakings under



the administrative control of the Government Departments shall also ensure that the following is not used in their Offices:-

- 1 Plastic/plastic coated wrapping or packaging for films and books.
- 2 Plastic coated invitation cards/cards wrapped/sealed in plastic covers/visiting cards
- 3 Plastic covers used for books/ booklet binding

6. To facilitate the transition away from the Single Use Plastics, all Government Offices are also encouraged to brand their offices as SUP free offices and promote the alternatives through installation of Manjappai vending machines / stores, this could include the adoption of biodegradable packaging materials, reusable containers, and promoting promotion of the Meendum Manjappai mobile application and website among the staffs and visitors. The details of eco-alternatives to Single Use Plastics is available in the TNPCB website, <https://tnpcb.gov.in/meendummanjappai/>.

7. The Government Departments shall send a compliance report on complete ban on SUPs in their Departments and Institutions under them on a quarterly basis.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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