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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced India's pledge to phase out SUPs by 2022 on the World Environment Day, June 05, 2018, and also pitched for freedom for India from SUP while delivering his Independence Day speech on August 15, 2019.

MoEF&CC issued Notification, dated August 12, 2021 which mandated banning of identified SUP items and prescribed minimum thickness of carry bag with effect from July 01, 2022 (Copy enclosed).

As per Rule 4(2) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The <u>manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use</u> of following single use plastic (SUP), including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be **prohibited with effect from the 1**st **July, 2022**:

- a) ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;
- b) 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."

As per Rule 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) "Carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less seventy five microns in thickness with effect from the 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from 31st December, 2022."

In compliance of MoEF&CC's Notification, CPCB has prepared Comprehensive Action Plan to eliminate manufacture, storage, selling, import and usage of SUP items in line with timelines specified in the Notification. The Action Plan detailing the Action Points (including those to be executed by State level Authorities) along with the time lines is enclosed with this letter.

As may be seen from the Action Plan, State Urban Authorities, District Magistrates, Police force, State Pollution Control Board/ Pollution Control Committee, Village Panchayat and other State Authorities have a key role to play in for elimination of Single Use Plastic.

In view of above, you are requested to issue necessary instructions to all concerned authorities in your jurisdiction for execution of activities as identified in the Action Plan and to put in collective efforts for phasing out SUP as per the timelines specified in MoEF&CC Notification.

The Chief Secretary, All States/UTs

Encl.: As above

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