



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Handling and disposal of solid waste in plastic carry bags and non-biodegradable materials prohibited - Interim judgment in W.P.(C) No.27052/2011 filed by Kerala Federation of Women Lawyers - Complied - Orders issued.

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LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (RD) DEPARTMENT

GO (Rt) No. 2838/2011/LSGD      Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01/12/2011

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ORDER

The Hon'ble High Court in interim judgment dated 21/11/2011 in the W.P.(C) No.27052/2011 filed by the Kerala Federation of Women Lawyers directed the Government to take certain measures to prevent health hazards caused by solid waste thrown by people on road sides and public places in plastic carry bags and non-biodegradable materials.

As per the directions in the order of the Hon'ble High Court the following instructions are issued for strict implementation with immediate effect.

- i) Disposal or dumping of solid waste in plastic carry bags or in any other non-biodegradable material in public place or roadside is prohibited in the State. The Secretaries of Municipalities and Grama Panchayats will give necessary instructions to the agencies and persons engaged in the collection of waste not to collect solid waste in plastic carry bags or in non-biodegradable material, but to collect only in containers provided by the local bodies for dumping or for treatment.
- ii) The Municipalities and Grama Panchayats will collect plastic and other non-biodegradable materials separately for recycling or disposal.

Prosecution should be launched against the violators under Section 268 read with Section 269 and 278 of the Indian Penal Code along with provision of the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 and Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. The urban local bodies and Grama Panchayats will enforce this order with the assistance of Police.

By Order of the Governor,  
JAMES VARGHESE  
Principal Secretary

To

1. The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram
4. The Secretaries of Corporations, Municipalities and Grama Panchayats  
(through Director of Panchayats and Director of Urban Affairs)
5. The Registrar of High Court, Ernakulam (with C/L)
6. The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with C/L)
7. The Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
8. The Director, Kudumbasree
9. The Home Department
10. The Local Self Government (DC) Department
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The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat  
The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for Urban Affairs

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