GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Order

The Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016 have been notified to manage plastic in an environmentally sound manner. To comply with the provisions of the said rules, the State Government has issued notification on 21.07.2010 completely banning plastic carry bags in the state.

Furthermore, Govt. of India has issued notification on 12.08.2021 to ban use of identified Single Use Plastic items (ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration; 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) from 1st July, 2022.

Now, the State Government has also decided to ban following single-use plastic items in all Government offices with effect from 1st July, 2022.

- 1. All types of plastic carry bags.
- 2. Plastic/ thermocol (polystyrene) disposable cutlery including bowls, trays, containers, etc. used for serving eatables/ drinks.
- 3. Artificial flowers, banners, flags, flower pots.
- 4. PET bottles.

No Government office shall use the above mentioned single-use plastic items and may use alternatives such as compostable plastics, bio-degradable plastic, natural fabrics, recycled paper material etc. which have a lesser environment impact.

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