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No. MPCB/ RO(HQ)/ Plastic/ 1895

Date: 27.10.2021

CIRCULAR

Subject: Circular to prohibit/ discourage use of Single Use Plastics and Promote alternatives within/ outside the office premises

- Ref: 1. Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Notification, 2018 and amendments thereto
 - 2. Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 (regarding Single Use Plastic)
 - 3. Letter regarding awareness programmes to avoid the use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) received from Central Pollution Control Board, dated 06.10.2021

You are all aware that various single use plastic items are banned as per Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Notification, 2018. Recently, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has published Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 in August 2021 (Ref. 2), which are also available on MPCB website.

In view of the above, all the office in-charges of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Head Office and Field Offices are hereby directed to:

- 1. All the office staff shall make aware about banning of Single Use Plastic in and outside the office premises.
- 2. Prohibit and discourage use of Single Use Plastic and promote alternatives for Single Use Plastic, within and outside the office premises, by all staff as well as visitors also.
- 3. Banners and Posters on the Single Use Plastic ban shall be displayed in the Office premises.
- 4. Posters on the above subject may be distributed to major commercial places in collaboration with the respective local bodies.

This Circular shall be in force with immediate effect.

(Ashok Shingare, IAS) Member Secretary

Copy submitted for information to:

- 1. Hon'ble Principal Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change, GoM
- 2. Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB

Copy to: All HODs/ All ROs/ All SROs- You are requested to make aware about this circular and ensure its implementation within your area of jurisdiction and office staff working with you.