



PLASTIC POLLUTION FREE TAMIL NADU CAMPAIGN

Request to Associations and meeting conducted with hotels, shopping malls & kalyana mandapams:

TNPCB has requested all the industries in Tamil Nadu, Plastic Manufacturers' Associations, Hotel Associations, textile and Rice Mill Associations, Kalyana mandapam Associations, CII, etc. to ban the one-time Use and Throwaway plastics in their premises and create awareness among the public and stakeholders about the ill-effects of plastics.

Meeting conducted in Chennai district

- Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) organized a one-day stakeholders' interactive meet on 17.11.2018 with the representatives from Shopping Malls, Hotels and Marriage Halls of Chennai District at TNPCB Auditorium, Guindy, Chennai as a part of sensitization programme on "Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu" and regarding notification on ban of certain "Use and Throwaway Plastics" with effect from 01.01.2019 onwards.



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- 174 numbers of hotels, kalyana mandapam and shopping mall representatives participated in the said meeting.

The details of the representations made and the clarifications given by the TNPCB during the meeting are as follows:

1. **Whether the water bottles are banned or not** - Water bottles are not banned, as it can be recycled.
2. **Materials for packing foods items whether allowed** - The onetime use and throwaway food packaging represented pictorially is banned, whereas the alternatives such as food packaging made of Bagasse, etc is allowed.
3. **Whether aluminum foil pouches used for packing Sambar, etc is banned** – Only aluminum foil pouches coated without plastic is allowed.
4. **Whether garbage bags are banned or not**- The garbage bags are not banned. The Kalyanamandapams can explore the possibility of using the recycling bins instead of large garbage bags for storing and handover to the Local bodies.
5. **Whether milk pouches, oil packs are banned or not**- The milk pouches, oil packs are exempted from the ban as per the G.O.
6. **Manufacture and sales of such onetime use and throwaway plastic items should be stopped**- The representation has been noted down and the TNPCB will take action towards it from 01.01.2019.
7. **Whether plastic carry bags with recyclable symbols are allowed**- All plastic carry bags irrespective of thickness are banned.
8. **How the calculations are made for Recycled plastic**- The public need not worry about the calculations as the recyclable symbols are already put by the manufactures in the recyclable items.

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9. **Sangeetha Hotels representative has shown plastic items used by their hotels for the clarification on what items being banned-** The items such as plastic cups, plastic straws, and aluminum foil pouches coated with plastic are banned and the aluminum foil paper coated without plastic used for wrapping is not banned.
10. **The local bodies and other unknown departments are ceasing their plastic products in Theni District at present, but the ban is only from 01.01.2019, it was requested that such problems of ceasing plastic goods at present shall be rectified-** The representation is noted and will be forwarded to the concerned departments for further necessary action. .
11. **Requested for GST relaxation for alternate products-**
12. **Whether Government can set up alternate product manufacturing units-** The representations are noted and will be forwarded to the Government for further necessary action.
13. **Where to get the alternative products as mentioned by the Government -** It was informed by TNPCB, the District wise manufacturer's list of alternative items with their addresses will be collected and will be published in the TNPCB Website.
14. **Plastic items are of less cost, whereas the alternatives are of much higher cost, how to adopt it-** The cost for the alternatives cannot be compared with cost of the present use and throwaway plastic items in protecting the environment from degradation.
15. **What certification should we get for bio-compostable bag-** Certification should be obtained from CPCB after testing the samples with CIPET.



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16. **As alternate products are not readily available in the market, time has to be given till 01.01.2020 to implement the ban on plastics-** The Government has notified the Plastic ban on 25.06.2018 itself and a transition time of six months has already been given by the Government. However, the request will be forwarded to the Government.