



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
FOREST SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, a clean and safe environment has come to be of paramount importance for the present day world and the citizens of the country have a fundamental right to a wholesome, clean and decent environment as per the Constitution of India for the well being and survival of all living creatures on Earth.

And, whereas, Article 48-A of the Constitution of India mandates the state to endeavor to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife of the country.

And, whereas, the protection and improvement of environment and prevention of hazards to human beings, other living creatures, plants and property, is the role of the State Government and also the responsibility of its people, individuals, agencies, etc.

And, whereas, the health hazards caused due to environmental pollution are rampant and every living being on this Earth is facing and thus is deprived of a clean environment for their sustenance.

And, whereas, most of the environmental pollution is anthropogenic and the damage to the health and well being of living creatures is irreparable and as mankind has also the solution to put on halt such further damages with wise and carefully planned activities. The solid waste generated and health hazards due to plastic water bottles are detrimental to health of the life on earth and environment as a whole.

And, whereas, the State government with its pro environment initiatives has already issued notifications imposing ban on plastic bags, wrappers etc., vide Notification No.GOS/UD&HD/97-98/6(85) dated 4th June 1998, Ban on use of plastic packed drinking water bottles during any government meetings and functions vide Notification

no.25/Home/2016 dated 19/05/2016 and sale and use of plastics having less than 50 microns thickness and single use plastic items in all forms vide Notification no.08/RM&DD/San dated 09.08.2019.

And, whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 vide Notification No. G.S.R. 571(E) dated 12th August 2021, which prohibits the manufacture, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags of size less than 75 microns in thickness and non-woven carry bags of size less than 60 GSM in phased manner.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Act 29 of 1986) delegated to the State Government vide Notification No. S.O. 152 (E) dated 10th February 1988 read with rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the State Government hereby imposes ban on use, manufacture, import and sale of plastic water bottles of capacity 2 litres and below w.e.f. 1st January 2022 in the State of Sikkim. This is in supersession of Notification No.25/Home/2016 dated 19/05/2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

(M.L. Srivastava, IFS)
Additional. Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim