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NOTIFICATION

In conformity with the suggestion given by the Government of India under Memo No. J-14013/56/07-PHC-II dated 07-01-2008, it has been decided that for effective control of use of unauthorized carry bags, 'pollution cost' will be realized in the following manner :-

- (a) In respect of shop owners .. Rs.500/-
- (b) In respect of users .. Rs. 50/-

2. Such pollution cost will be imposed by the competent officers, as decided by the Corporation, Municipality and Panchayat in their respective jurisdiction. The amount collected as 'pollution cost' will be utilized by the local authorities for the purpose of environment up-gradation of their respective areas.

3. The competent officers, as decided by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board are also entitled to impose pollution cost in the aforementioned manner and collected 'pollution cost' will be utilized for the purpose of environment up-gradation in the State of West Bengal.

4. It is made clear that at the time of imposition of 'pollution cost' and collection from the shop keepers or from any individual as per the quantum referred above, proper receipt should be given by the local authorities and West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

5. Proper accounting should be made by the local authority and the West Bengal Pollution Control Board, so that the State Plastic Management Committee, from time to time can supervise the work of the implementing agencies for proper and effective execution of plastic carry bag management norms.

6. Manufacturers and stockists of unauthorized plastic carry bags are liable to face prosecution and other regulatory orders as conferred under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made there under, apart from the aforementioned payment of pollution cost.

7. During raids conducted by the local authorities and by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board, local police will give full co-operation and in case of refusal to pay 'pollution cost', police authorities will take necessary action in accordance with law.

8. This order will take immediate effect.

By Order,

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Chairman, State Plastic Management Committee