



Memo No. 1833A-3S-89/2001

Dated: 03/09/2001

### **D I R E C T I O N**

**WHEREAS** the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter will be referred to as the 'State Board') is entrusted to implement the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purpose of protection of environment and for the prevention and control of pollution in the State of West Bengal;

**AND WHEREAS** it is observed that due to extensive use of non-biodegradable plastic carry bags indiscriminately, different water courses have been affected creating adverse environmental impacts especially in coastal areas, forest areas and also different tourists spots.

**AND WHEREAS** for the purpose of protecting the environment in the aforementioned areas, it has been decided that use, sale and processing of the plastic carry bags will be prohibited.

**AND THEREFORE** in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and under section 31A of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the WBPCB prohibits the entry, use, sale and processing of plastic carry bags in the following areas from 15.09.2001 ;

- I. Entire Sundarban Area ;
- II. Coastal Regulation Zone Area (Digha, Sankarpur, Frezerganj, Sagardwip, Bak Khali etc.)
- III. Hilly areas of Darjeeling district ;
- IV. Entire Forest areas in West Bengal ;

2.. In case of any violation of this order by any institution or by any industry or by any shop, the State Board will issue closure order and also will issue order for disconnection of electricity of the said institution or industry or shop as the case may be.

3.. Officers-in-Charge of the concerned police station is also directed to oversee that the aforementioned direction is not violated in any manner and in case any violation is noted, immediate action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code may be initiated against the violator.

4.. Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Digha Development Authority, Sundarban Development Board, concerned municipal and panchayat authorities and the district administration of Districts concerned should take necessary steps for proper execution and implementation of the aforementioned direction under intimation to the State Board.

By Order,  
Sd/- K.S. Ramasubban  
Member Secretary  
W. B. Pollution Control Board.