



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter will be referred to as the 'WBPCB') is entrusted with the enforcement of 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 and indiscriminate use and littering of non-biodegradable plastic carrybags in the under mentioned heritage and tourist spot, huge quantity of garbage containing plastic carrybags accumulates causing environmental pollution due to contamination of water and land in such areas or in its vicinity;

AND WHEREAS for the purpose of protecting the environment in the under mentioned area, the entry, use, sale and processing of the plastic carrybags should be prohibited;

AND THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 33 and 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and by Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the entry, use, sale, storage and processing of plastic carrybags are prohibited in the undermentioned area and the same area is declared as 'Plastic Free Zone' with immediate effect:

1. The Santragachi Lake (Jheel), extending upto 5(Five) metres from highest water line.

2. In case of any violation of this order by any organization or individual, the Administrative Head/ In-Charge for preservation and maintenance of the above mentioned Lake (Jheel) and the Divisional Forest Officer, Howrah Social Forestry Division will take appropriate action with the help of the Police Authorities, who will be at liberty to take action u/s. 188 of the IPC.

3. The Officers-in-Charges of Jagacha Police Station, District Howrah 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. The aforementioned Authorities should take necessary steps for proper execution and implementation of the aforementioned direction under intimation to the WBPCB.

By Order

Sd/-
(Debal Ray)
Member Secretary
West Bengal Pollution Control Board