



Memo No. 386 -2L/WPB-B(IX)/2002

Dated: 07/05/2003.

D I R E C T I O N

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 of non-biodegradable plastic carrybags in the under mentioned heritage and tourist spots, huge quantity of garbage containing plastic carrybags accumulates causing environmental pollution due to contamination of water in such areas or in their vicinity;

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

AND THEREFORE in exercise of the power conferred by section 33 and 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and by section 31 and 31A of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the entry, use, sale of plastic carrybags are prohibited in the following areas with immediate effect:

- i) Indian Botanic Garden, Shibpore, Howrah;
- ii) Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata;
- iii) Subhas Sarobar, Belegkata, Kolkata;
- iv) Rabindra Sarobar, Ballygunge, Kolkata;
- v) Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata;
- vi) National Library, Alipore, Kolkata;
- vii) Millennium Park, Kolkata;
- viii) Bandel Church, Bandel (Dist: Hooghly);
- ix) Belurmatah, Belur (Dist: Howrah); and
- x) Hajarduari Palace, Murshidabad (Dist: Murshidabad).

2. In case of any violation of this order by any organization or individual, the administrative heads of the aforementioned institutions will take appropriate action with the help of police authorities, who will be at liberty to take action u/s. 188 of the IPC.

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

4. The Heads of the aforementioned institutions should take necessary steps for proper execution and implementation of the aforementioned direction under intimation to the WBPCB.

By Order
Sd/- Ravi Kant
Member Secretary
WBPCB.