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 & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & 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 carry bags in the under mentioned heritage and tourist spots, huge quantity of garbage containing plastic carry bags 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 carry bags should be prohibited;

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

i) Science City Complex
ii) Nicco Park
iii) Nalban Boating Complex
iv) Swabhumi
v) Indian Museum  
vii) Eden Garden  
viii) Nehru Children Museum  
ix) Birla Industrial and Technological Museum  
x) Barrackpore Gandhi Ghat  
xi) New Digha Paryatan Kendra, Hooghly  
xii) Soakhal Energy Park, Hooghly  
xiii) Energy Education Park

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 Officer 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/-

( S. K. Sarkar )  
Member-Secretary