

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

O/o Director of Municipal
Administration, 640, A.C. Guards,
Hyderabad.

CIRCULAR

Roc.No. 6790/2014/M3-2,

dt. 08.12.2016

Sub:- Municipal Administration Department - Meeting convened by Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD Department on 30.11.2016 at Sangareddy – Creating awareness programmes on adverse effects on usage of plastic, flexis etc. and imposing complete ban from 01.01.2017 - Certain instructions – Issued.

- Ref:-**
1. G.O.Ms.No. 55 TR & B Department, dt. 08.04.2003
 2. Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dt. 18.01.2013 in SLP(C) No. 8519/2006
 3. G.O.Ms.No. 18 TR & B Department, dt. 18.02.2013
 4. Orders of Hon'ble High Court dt. 26.12.14, 02.02.15, 06.03.15 in W.P.No. 28447/2008
 5. This office D.O.Lr.Roc.No. 6790/14/M3, dt. 07.03.15 addressed to all the District Collectors in the State (except Hyderabad) 09.03.15 & 25.03.15 in W.P.No. 28447/2008
 6. Lr.No. 129/2015, dt. 01.04.2015 of Advocate General, Telangana State, Hyderabad
 7. This office Lr.Roc.No. 6790/2014/M3, dt. 13.04.2015 addressed to Government
 8. Lr.No. 269/2015, dt. 17.04.2015 of Advocate General, Telangana State, Hyderabad
 9. Government Memo.No. 412/A1/2015-8 MA, dt. 17.04.2015
 10. This office letter even no. dt.18.04.15 addressed to Government
 11. Government Memo.No. 412/A1/2015-12 MA, dt. 20.04.2015
 12. This office letter even no. dt.21.04.15 addressed to Government
 13. Government Memo.No. 412/A1/2015-13 MA, dt. 02.04.2016
 14. This office letter even no. dt.28.06.16 addressed to Government
 15. Meeting convened by Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD Department on 30.11.2016 at Sangareddy

The attention of the Commissioners of all Urban Local Bodies in the State is invited to the references cited and they are informed that during the review meeting convened by the Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD Department on 30.11.2016 at Sangareddy, the Hon'ble Minister has announced complete ban on usage of plastic and flexis in all ULBs in the State w.e.f. 01.01.2017.

2. In this regard, the Hon'ble Minister has directed to issue instructions to the Commissioners of all ULBs in the State to create awareness programmes on adverse effects on usage of plastic and flexis and imposing of ban from 01.01.2017.

3. In this regard, it is to inform that, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India have passed orders in SLP(C) No. 8519/2006 dt. 18.01.2013 against installation of statues which reads as follows:

"We further direct that henceforth, State Government shall not grant any permission for installation of any statue or construction of any structure in public roads, pavements, sideways and other public utility places. Obviously, this order shall not apply to installation of high mast lamps, street lights or construction relating to electrification, traffic toll or for development and beautification of the streets, highways, roads etc. and relating to public utility and facilities. The above order shall also apply to all other States and Union Territories. The concerned Chief Secretary/ Administrator shall ensure compliance of the above order."

4. Further, the Hon'ble High Court passed orders in W.P.No. 28447/2008, dt. 26.12.2014 and 25.03.2015 regarding illegal erection of cutouts, banners, flexis etc. which reads as follows:

Orders dt. 26.12.2014:

"We are happy to note that the problem which we had pointed out in this matter has already been taken care of by the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh, following the Supreme Court orders, by issuing a Government order, being G.O.Ms.No. 18, dt. 18.02.2013. It appears the Government orders covers not only statues, but also construction of any such structures, including cutouts, flexi boards etc."

We direct the Commissioners of Police in metropolitan cities, respective municipal authorities, Director Generals of Police and Superintendents of Police of both States to implement the aforesaid Government order. While doing so, they shall identify the statues, cutouts, flexi boards and photos installed illegally and in violation of Government orders. After doing that, the authorities shall remove them immediately and they must see that there is no deviation of this Government order....."

Orders dt. 25.03.2015:

"..... So far as the State of Telangana is concerned, in its report, it is shown that number of authorized and unauthorized cutouts, posters and statues have been stated, but there is no complete proposal as to how these unauthorized cutouts, posters and statues should be removed. Therefore, it should that unauthorized cutouts, posters and statues are still subsisting."

Learned Advocate General appearing for the State of Telangana submits that because on various occasions, the cutouts, posters, banners and statues of Hon'ble Ministers are displayed in the public place to highlight their birthdays by their supporters it is not a very easy task to take action."

However, we feel that there cannot be any impossibility to implement our order. We give fortnight's time to both the State Governments to remove all the cutouts,

posters, banners and statues, which are still subsisting. In case of failure to do so, the Court will find out its own mechanism for implementing its order."

5. In view of the above and per the instructions of Hon'ble Minister for MA & UD Department during the review meeting convened on 30.11.2016 at Sangareddy, the Commissioners of all ULBs in the State are directed to create awareness programmes about the adverse effects on usage of plastic, flexis etc. and also on the ban on the same w.e.f. 01.01.2017 in all the ULBs.

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To

The Commissioners of all Urban Local Bodies in the State {through RDMAs}

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