

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

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

**CIRCULAR**

**Roc.No. 6790/2014/M3**

**dt.30.12.2016**

**Sub:-** Municipal Administration Department - Creating awareness programmes on adverse effects on usage of plastic, flexies etc. – Orders of Hon'ble High Court – Clarification Issued - Regarding.

**Ref:-** 1.Cir.Roc.No.6790/2014/M3-2, dt.8.12.2016 of this office.  
2.Orders of Hon'ble High Court in W.P.MP.No.55612 of 2016 in W.P.No.45093/2016.

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The attention of all the Municipal Commissioners of Urban Local Bodies in the State is invited to the reference 2<sup>ND</sup> cited wherein the Hon'ble High Court vide W.P.MP.No.55612/2016 in W.P.No.45093 of 2016 suspended the circular 1st cited of this office. However, the Hon'ble High Court allowed to continue the activity of creating awareness programmes about adverse affects on usage plastic and flexies etc.

2. In this regard, as per the averments made in the affidavit which is filed in the High Court in W.P.No.45093/2016, it is observed that some of the Municipal Commissioners mis-interpreted and issued notices to ban the manufacturing / printing of plastic, flexies etc. to the establishments in their ULBs.

3. In the above circumstances and in compliance with the Hon'ble High Court order, it is hereby clarified to all the Municipal Commissioners in the State that in this office circular issued vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited this office has not instructed ULBs to impose ban on manufacturing / printing of plastic / flexies etc. It is further clarified that the intention of this office to issue circular is to create awareness among citizens of ULBs about the ill effects usage of plastic, flexies etc. For this purpose, the following detail guidelines are issued for strict compliance:



- 3.1 Ensure to prohibit selling and usage of plastic carry bags which are less than 50 microns.
- 3.2 Ensure to prohibit display of various advertisements through flexies in non-permitted places.
- 3.3 The Municipal Commissioners shall identify places for advertisements and publish the same in notice board of all Government offices, important public places and through print and electronic media.
- 3.4 If any advertisements are displayed in other than permitted places the same shall be removed and suitable fines shall be imposed.
- 3.5 The Municipal Commissioners shall ensure to take up following activities to bring awareness among citizens in the town:
  - i) Conduct meetings with all the
    - a. trade organizations including whole sale / retail merchants, hotels, restaurants, bars, wine shops, commercial complex
    - b. street vendors
    - c. Vendors of vegetable and meat markets / rythu bazar
    - d. students of Schools / Collages,
    - e. SHG / SLF / TLF members
    - f. NGO organizations
    - g. Government offices
  - ii) Conduct rallies with students, SHGs, municipal employees,
  - iii) Conduct rallies with elected representatives
  - iv) Government employees (RDO/MRO and prominent office heads)
  - v) Conduct essay writing with school children
  - vi) Municipal Commissioner shall visit all Schools / Collages and address students on ill-effects on usage of plastic / flexies etc.

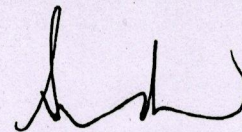


- 3.6 Constitute Municipal Task Force on regulation of usage of plastic / flexies etc. After awareness programme, the Task Force shall regulate on usage of plastic / flexies etc by conducting frequent surprise inspections and impose appropriate fines on violators.
- 3.7 All the ULBs have identified and notified "Litter Free Zones". Ensure special focus on littering / usage of plastic / flexies etc., in these identified zones.

3,7 The Task Force shall consist of

- i) Sanitary Inspector
- ii) Assistant Engineer
- iii) Town Planning Officer / Supervisor / Building Overseer
- iv) Mepma representatives (TMC/CO/CLRP)
- v) Area Jawan

4. Therefore, all the Municipal Commissioners in the State are hereby directed to follow the above instructions scrupulously and take action accordingly with effect from 1.1.2017.



**Director of Municipal Administration**

**To**

The Commissioners of all Urban Local Bodies in the State {through RDMA's}

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