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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT**

(SEC.I)

BAN ON PLASTIC FLEXI BANNERS IN THE STATE UNDER ENVIRONMENT
(PROTECTION) ACT, 1986 w.e.f. 01.11.2022.

[G.O.Ms.No.65, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (SEC.I),

22nd September, 2022.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Central Act 29 of 1986) read with Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests Notification S.O. 152(E), dated 10th February, 1988 Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby decided to ban Plastic Flexi Banners in the State with effect from 01.11.2022, hereby issues the following directions.

1. Banning of Plastic Flexi Banners in the State:

- (a) No person shall manufacture and import plastic flexi material in the state.
- (b) No person shall print, use, transport and display any type of plastic flexi banners in the state.

2. Enforcing Authorities:

- (a) Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board Represented by Member Secretary, Concerned Unit Head, Zonal Officer, Regional Officer shall be the enforcing authority to enforce ban on manufacturing, import of plastic flexi material and printing of plastic flexi banners in their respective jurisdiction.

- (b) Municipal Commissioners of Urban Local Bodies including Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors, Sanitary and Environment Secretary of Ward Secretariat shall be the enforcing authority for enforcing ban on usage, transport and display of all types of plastic flexi banners in their respective jurisdiction of Urban Areas.
- (c) District Collector and Officers empowered by the District Collector including CEO - Zilla Parishad, District Panchayat Officer, Divisional Level Panchayat Officer, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Panchayat Secretary - Village Secretariat shall be the enforcing authority for enforcing ban on usage, transport and display of all types of plastic flexi banners in their respective jurisdiction of Rural Areas.
- 3. Levy of Penalty:** Enforcing Authorities are empowered to levy and collect penalty @ Rs. 100/- per sq ft of banned plastic flexi banners from violators.
- 4. Seizure of Banned Material:** Respective Enforcing Authorities are also empowered to seize the banned plastic flexi banners and send for scientific disposal at the cost of violators.
- 5. Prosecution:** Violators are also liable for prosecution under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 6. Role of Other Departments:** Revenue, Police, Transport and GST Authorities shall assist the enforcing authorities for effective enforcement of Plastic Flexi banners ban Notification.
- 7. Switch over to Alternative Banner Materials:** Authorities of Industries and Commerce Department shall assist the enterprises by ensuring availability of cotton banner material.

The Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter.

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Special Chief Secretary to Government.

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