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Subject: Ban on Single-Use Plastics (SUP), plastic water bottles and prevention of littering in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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The Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, UT of Ladakh vide Order No. 47 of 2026 dated: 19.06.2026 has issued guidelines for the strict enforcement of ban on identified Single-Use Plastics (SUP). With a view to preserving the fragile ecosystem of the region, promoting sustainable development and responsible tourism, the following instructions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all Government Departments, Autonomous Bodies, Educational Institutions, Local Bodies, Commercial Establishments, Hotels, Restaurants, Tour Operators and the general public:

1. Ban on Plastic Water Bottles:

The use and procurement of plastic water bottles in all Government Offices, Educational Institutions, Universities, Boards, Corporations and Autonomous Bodies shall remain prohibited.

All establishments shall make suitable arrangements for drinking water through reusable and eco-friendly alternatives.

2. Ban on Single-Use Plastic (SUP) Items:

The use, sale, storage, stocking, distribution, transportation and supply of identified Single-Use Plastic (SUP) items shall remain strictly prohibited throughout the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Banned items include ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene (Thermocol) for decoration, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, and plastic stirrers under the provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules.

3. Ban on Littering:

UT of Ladakh is an ecologically sensitive area know for its fragile environment, clean landscapes, and natural beauty. Littering in such a region causes environmental degradation, pollutes the land and water, and harms wildlife.

Littering of waste shall be strictly prohibited throughout the Union territory of Ladakh. No person shall litter or dump plastic waste, food waste or any other waste material in public

places, tourist destinations, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, water bodies or other environmentally sensitive areas.

4. Penalties:

Any person or entity, including individuals, shopkeepers, vendors, commercial establishments, institutions, wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers, distributors found littering, using, storing, stocking, selling, supplying, distributing or transporting the banned SUP items shall be liable for the imposition of Penalty, which may extend up to **Rs. 10,000/-**. This applies in addition to and without prejudice to any other action initiated under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Plastic Waste Management Rules.

Littering Violation: Any person found littering waste shall be liable to a penalty extending up to **Rs. 5,000/-**

5. Implementation and Monitoring Responsibilities:

All Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers of LAHDCs and Heads of Institutions shall ensure strict compliance with these instructions and undertake necessary awareness and monitoring measures.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.

By order of the Administration of UT of Ladakh.

Sd/-
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