



Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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**Subject: Implementation of Ban on use/transport/sale of Polythene.**

### ORDER

No:DC/RSI/ARA/456-64

Date: 23.03.2014

Whereas, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir in the matter of PIL titled Sayed Tahir Gilani V/S State and Ors has banned the use of Polythene/Polythene Carry bags in the state; District Administration has implemented the ban in letter and spirit ever since directions issued by the Hon'ble Court. The Hon'ble Court has issued strict directions for seizure of vehicles carrying polythene and sealing the premises of the shops involved in sale of polythene/polythene carry bags.

Whereas, teams have been constituted by this office comprising of officers from Revenue, Police, Municipal Committees and Forest Department for implementation of the ban on use of polythene / polythene carry bags in the district. Seizure of material has been made in frequent inspections by these teams however some of the teams have failed to furnish their reports in violation of directions issued by this office for implementation of the Court Orders which attracts the provisions of Contempt of Courts Act. Any officer failing to submit the report before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month as per the order issued vide order No PS/DC/RSI/2/488-506 dated 31.05.2013 shall be personally responsible for not implementing the Court Orders and accordingly names of such officers shall be furnished in status report to be submitted on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Therefore, for implementation of the ban imposed by Hon'ble High Court and in continuation of this office order dated 31.05.2013 it is hereby ordered that:-

1. All Commercial Vehicles and Load carriers entering in the district shall be checked/inspected thoroughly at the existing Police Nakas/Check Posts at entry points and any vehicle carrying polythene / polythene carry bags shall be seized and immediately handed over to the office of District Magistrate as per order of Hon'ble High Court.
2. Executive Officers, Municipal Committees, Katra and Reasi, shall continue to publicise the ban on polythene/polythene carry bags; inspect the shops in their jurisdiction seal the premises where stocking/sale of polythene is detected.
3. All SHOs and Naib Tehsildars shall carry out extensive drives jointly and inspect the shops and commercial establishments. Inspection of commercial vehicles shall also be carried and vehicles found carrying polythene shall be immediately seized and handed over to office of District Magistrate.
4. Tehsildars shall coordinate the drives being carried out of SHOs/ Naib Tehsildars and furnish details of action taken every week. They shall be personally responsible for any lapse.
5. Divisional Forests Officers, shall furnish compliance report before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 regarding implementation of this office order dated 31.05.2013 and also furnish action taken report for perusal of Hon'ble High Court on next date of hearing.



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They shall ensure that no polythene is allowed to be used or littered in any forest area.

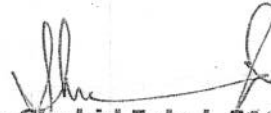
Any Officer/Official not furnishing the action taken report by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and thereafter 5<sup>th</sup> of every month shall be personally responsible for not implementing the directions issued by Hon'ble High Court in the matter.

Sr Superintendent of Police shall issue strict instructions to all the SHOs/IC PP/Naka In-charge for implementation of the directions of Hon'ble High Court viz inspection and seizure of vehicles carrying polythene, inspection of shops/ commercial establishments and sealing the premises involved in selling polythene.

Tehsildars and Executive Officers shall publicise the ban through notices in newspapers/ Cable TV/ Drum-beating/ Loudspeakers and also through distribution of pamphlets.

Assistant Commissioner Revenues shall place an amount of Rs 5,000 each at disposal of Tehsildar Reasi, Tehsildar Settlement, Tehsildar Mahore, SHO Katra, SHO Reasi, SHO Pouni, SHO Ransoo, Executive Officer MC Katra and Executive Officer MC Katra and Rs 20,000 at disposal of Assistant Commissioner Development for display of notice boards/wall paintings/hoardings for public information regarding ban on polythene. Rs 15,000 shall be released for display of hoardings at Nakas located at entry points. All such notice boards/hoardings shall be in place before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

All the officers shall furnish their Action Taken Report / Status report by or before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 or remain present before the Hon'ble Court during next date of hearing.

 23.03.14  
**Dr Shahid Iqbal, IAS**  
**District Magistrate.**

Copy to:

1. Sr Superintendent of Police, Reasi for information and n/a
2. Addl DM / ACR for information and n/a
3. DFO Reasi / Mahore for information and compliance.
4. All Tehsildars/NTs with directions to implement the ban in letter and spirit
5. All SHOs for implementation of directions and to take steps for seizure and sealing.
6. Executive Officer, MC Katra/Reasi, for strict implementation of directions.
7. DIO NIC for hosting on website
8. Notice Board.