



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE :: SONITPUR :: TEZPUR  
(MAGISTRACY BRANCH)

**ORDER**  
U/S 144 Cr.P.C.

Whereas it appears to me that some persons are selling, using and manufacturing coloured and ordinary polythene bags in the district of Sonitpur,

And whereas, coloured as well as ordinary polythene bags and plastic materials are not biodegradable and harmful to human being when food materials carried in these bags are consumed directly from the coloured and ordinary polythene bags.

And whereas, used polythene bags clog the drains, nullahs, water channels and thus create artificial flood disturbing the normal life of the citizens.

And whereas, Plastic Bags carrying on roadside and in open field generally eaten by cattle population thereby endangering their lives...

Whereas the use of polythene and dumping of plastic materials damages the roads, reduces the aesthetic beauty of the town and pollutes the environment.

And whereas there is every likelihood of breach of peace and public tranquility in the locality for causing damage to the health of the people in general and also the infertility of the agricultural land caused from the coloured and ordinary polythene bags.

And whereas Central Govt. has notified an Act under the name "Environment Protection Act, 1986" to control and regulate the deterioration of Environment due to plastic.

And, Pollution Control Board, Assam requested vide letter No. WB/G-606/Pt-115-16/163 dtd. 23/4/2018 to impose ban on Single-use Plastic Products – Plastic Carry bags, plastic bottles, food containers, packaging materials and other such materials, in the tourist spots, wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserves in the area of the district,

And whereas U/S 5, 6 & 10 of "Environment Protection Act, 1986" empowers for issue of suitable directions as well as inspection etc.

And whereas, in my opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 Cr.P.C. for preventing sale and manufacture of all kinds of coloured and ordinary polythene bags.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred upon me U/S 144 Cr.P.C., I, K. K. Sharma, ACS, Addl. District Magistrate, Sonitpur, Tezpur do hereby order as follows :-

1. No person shall manufacture, stock, distribute or sell carry bags made of virgin or recycled polythene bags, which is less than 50 microns in thickness.
2. No person shall use plastic carry bags of any thickness, plastic food containers of single use, packaging materials of single use and other such materials in entire Sonitpur District.
3. Sachets using plastic materials shall not be used for storing, packing or selling.

Any violation of this order will invite penal action U/S 144 Cr.P.C. as well as Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as amended.

This order shall come into force with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 until further order.

Note: - Due to exigencies, this order is given ex-parte. However any aggrieved party/Person may approach the competent authority for modification/waiver of the order.

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Addl. District Magistrate  
Sonitpur :: Tezpur  
Date : 01.08.2019.

Memo No. SMJ 1/2005/Pt-I/2014/ 330 (A)

Copy for information & necessary action :-

1. The Commissioner, North Assam Division, Tezpur.
2. All Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Sonitpur Zilla Parishad, Tezpur.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Sonitpur, Tezpur.
5. The Executive Officer, Tezpur Municipal Board for information and necessary action.
6. All Circle Officers & Executive Magistrate of Sonitpur District.
7. The DIPRO, Sonitpur, Tezpur for wide publicity of this order through media.
8. The President / Secretary, Tezpur Environment Society, Tezpur.
9. The Senior Environment Engineer, Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Tezpur Zone.
10. The Chairman of Consumer Forum, Tezpur.
11. The President/Secretary, North East Chambers of Commerce, Tezpur.
12. The President/Secretary, Chawk Bazar Bebyachaye Santha.
13. CA/PA to DC for kind appraisal of District Magistrate, Sonitpur.

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*1/8/19*  
Addl. District Magistrate  
Sonitpur :: Tezpur