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### KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

#### NOTIFICATION

No. PCB/HO/PLA/GEN/2010. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22nd November, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court in the judgement in DBP No. 53 and 72, of 2010 dated 3-11-2010 has directed the Kerala State Pollution Control Board to take action to prohibit and restrict the use of plastic at Sabarimala and other areas connected with Sabarimala pilgrimage during the festival season so as to prevent the environmental pollution in the area;

WHEREAS, the PET bottles, plastic carry bags, etc. disposed at Sabarimala during festival season is a serious threat to environment;

WHEREAS, the State Board notification No. PCB/L/3120/2005 dated 16-12-2006, imposed the specification that the minimum thickness of plastic carry bags and containers including plastic cups, bottles and packing material shall be 50 micron which was later fixed to 30 microns as per order dated 8-2-2007 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide in WP (C) 1260/07;

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board is delegated the power by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide notification No. 1(35)/96-PL dated 10-4-2001 under section 5 of the Environment Protection Act to issue directions to any industry/any local or other authority for violation of the standards and rules relating to municipal solid waste including plastic wastes;

AND WHEREAS, the main problems relating to the use of plastic during Sabarimala pilgrimage are the following:

- (i) Pilgrims disposing PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) bottles used for carrying drinking water.
- (ii) Pilgrims disposing plastic (Polyethylene) carry bags used for carrying food materials and clothes.
- (iii) Pilgrims disposing plastic covers/pouches used to carry worship materials like turmeric powder, oil, camphor etc.
- (iv) Pilgrims leaving in river empty shampoo sachets. This problem is felt most severely in Erumeli where pilgrims take bath after being adorned with multicolor powder.

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested with the undersigned under section V of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Board hereby impose ban on sale and use of plastic carry bags and dumping of plastic materials including PET bottles and sachets/pouches into water bodies and open areas, in and around Sannidhanam, Pariba, Chalakkayam, Nialkkal and Erumeli. The Travancore Devaswom Board, Police Department and concerned Local Self Government bodies shall ensure compliance of the aforesaid ban.

Dated this the 22nd day of November, 2010.

For and on behalf of the  
Kerala State Pollution Control Board.

(Sd.)

Chairman.