



LEADING INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIONS URGED TO CHIEF SECRETARY

A – Owing to the huge gap between our excellent legal framework on Wastes Management and the consistent inaction, and illiteracy, of most officers, magnified by lack of staff and consequent lack of response to the heavy critical environmental issues faced, we request

1. Pioneer **Environmental LITERACY PROGRAM** for Public Servants
2. Fill vacancies of the crucial posts directly responsible for S&LWM works
3. Deliver allocation of specific grants to GPs (alike ULBs) to develop infrastructure for S&LW Management (e.g., sanitary landfill sites, waste collection vehicles, processing facilities, etc.)
4. Urgently create permanent positions for Environmental Engineers and Health Inspectors to implement and monitor S&LWM rules and projects in the Rural sector of the State [we are struggling with lack of qualified staff for suitable procedural guidance]
 - a) 1 Environmental Officer to each DUDC
 - b) 1 Environmental Officer to each Taluk
 - c) 2 Environmental Officers to each Zilla Panchayat
 - d) 1 Health Inspector for 10 Gram Panchayats
 - e) 1 Sanitary Landfill for 10 Gram Panchayats
5. Call summit of outstanding Environmental Engineers to propose a **Multi-sector Strategic Plan** with key solutions for assessed problems and gather out strategy for complete Solid & Liquid Waste Management for **both Urban & Rural areas**.
6. Create an **Environmental Integrity Board** to systematically assess the field reality and, disseminate awareness among citizens and all stake-holders, assisting government bodies to devise policies & action plans to aid locals considerate the ground environmental realities.

*B – As it became well-known, **marine litter**, now predominantly **blue plastics**, generated from a wide variety of sources, and covering an extremely wide variety of materials, is one of the most serious fast mounting environmental problems. In order to tackle it, we request*

1. Initiate stern actions on Marine Litter [Policy, Literacy, Prevention and Removal]
 - a) Expedite to the concerned Departments the **Draft for MARINE LITTER POLICY** to get suitable assessment and resolution [cf. <https://www.khushiparisara.in/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/1st-DRAFT-for-MLD-Long.pdf>]
 - b) Call Government agencies to design and conduct a **Marine Literacy Program for Local Bodies** (Administrators and Representatives)
 - c) Ensure strict littering control by Police [esp. seashore, water bodies, storm water

drains, riverine forests]

d) Call Coastal GPs and ULBs to pass a bylaw for **Seashore Waste Management Plan** [including chronic dumps and catchment areas]

e) Instruct Coastal GPs and ULBs to fix **alerting boards** at identified vulnerable places

f) Ensure **random surveillance** by Police and all local liable Officers of those places

2. Instruct IEC from Health and Education Departments to conduct an **Awareness Campaign** on hazards of plastics to human and environmental health, built on a **comprehensive informational kit**.

3. Enforce a strict Plastic Ban implementation

a) Order the removal of all Flex banners at the entire State

b) Order Local Bodies to strictly stop plastic suppliers

c) Instruct a stern plastic control by Local Bodies, Police, Food, Excise Revenue, etc.

d) Implement the Chart for Offices Good Practices [cf. **Annexure 1**]

e) Implement KSRTC Good Practices Chart [cf. **Annexure 2**]

4. Fix **EPR for fish gears and fisheries plastic products**

5. Urgently direct the foundation of a **Master Plan for Blue Tourism** targeting prevention and removal of marine waste

6. Instruct all **LBs** to immediately submit an accurate Action Plan to avert waste to enter water bodies before monsoon [cleaning nallahs and storm water drains, installing suitable meshes to storm water inlet points to water bodies, etc.]

7. Instruct District Environment Committee to elaborate a Marine Action Plan, since the provided template [following NGT order OA 360/2018 on the **District Environment Plan**], does not include Marine/Coastal environment

8. Spearhead the Strategic **PILOT PROJECT FOR MARINE LITTER** [cf. **Annexure 3**]

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