

## URGED LEADING INFRASTRUCTURAL ACTIONS

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 to

1. Pioneer **Environmental LITERACY PROGRAM** for Public Servants
2. Call summit of outstanding Environmental Engineers to propose a **Multi-sector Strategic Plan** with key solutions for assessed problems and gather out comprehensive strategy for Wastes Management **for both Urban & Rural areas**.
3. Create an **Environmental Integrity Board** tackling the Environmental issues of Development – assisting governing bodies to devise policies & action plans for it. [cf. **Annexure 1**]
4. Urgently create permanent positions for Environmental Engineers and Health Inspectors to implement and monitor Waste Management rules & projects in the Rural sector of the State [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. To settle KSPCB detrimental understaffed condition.

B – As it became well-known, **MARINE LITTER**, 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) Call Government agencies to design and conduct a **Marine Literacy Program for Local Bodies** (Administrators and Representatives) [**Working draft with ANSSIRD**]
  - c) Direct strict littering control by Police [esp. seashore, water bodies, storm water drains, riverine forests]
  - c) Call Coastal GPs and ULBs to pass a bylaw for **Seashore Waste Management Plan** [including chronic dumps and catchment areas]
  - d) Instruct Coastal GPs and ULBs to fix **alerting boards** at identified vulnerable places
2. 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.
3. Spearhead the Strategic **PILOT PROJECT FOR MARINE LITTER** [cf. **Annexure 2**]