



To the Honourable Member Convenor, NGT-SLC
Justice Subhash Adi

As Khushi Parisara engaged its strive on the SUPs ban, we dare to bring to your attention the main difficulties for it, requesting your action and direction to overcome them.

We come to you after trying to get proper information and action from KSPCB, and not being able to get it.

Namely **Khushi Parisara urged KSPCB**

1. a) **To order all Local Bodies to get removed, within 30 days, the flex banners** displayed at all Govt Offices and at public places of all State that are violating the Karnataka State Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

b) **To ensure the complete closure of all manufacturing facilities of flex banners** and boards at the entire State (since KSPCB issues consent/ registration to Producer, Brand owner, etc., and has access to such information).

c) **To ensure knowledge and awareness program to superior officers of all government departments displaying flex boards and banners** at their premises and at their functions

Then, **Khushi Parisara requested KSPCB relevant information** on the following points:

1. It is said that the ban is being monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and by the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) that will report to the Centre regularly. Directions have been issued at national, state and local levels to all petrochemical industries to not supply raw materials to industries engaged in the banned items.

From state level there was any action related to the petrochemical industries?

2. It is said also that Directions have been issued to SPCBs to modify or revoke consent to operate issued under the Air/Water Act to industries engaged in SUP items.

Is that being performed at State level?

3. It is also said, and given in affidavit (2023), **that it has been constituted a Special TaskForce and Control Room for elimination of identified Single-Use Plastic** items and effective management of plastic wastes.

It was stated by the KSPCB responsible officer that at Karnataka the Control Room for SUPs, to support stakeholders and governing bodies liable for their implementation does not exist (2024)

The State indeed needs them to implement the multiple wings of the ban

How to recover such Special TaskForce and Control Room? what kind of support stakeholders or governing bodies liable for its implementation can get from KSPCB?

4. Karnataka Forest, Environment and Ecology Department (**FEE**) **announced that five cities in the state will be plastic free.**

Following the same standard, some Rural Local Bodies and District Administration are giving orders to implement SUP ban just under restricted areas.

Are these official orders lawful within our legal framework?

Please do accept our best greetings,

Always at your service

The President

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Kumta, 16 March 2024

