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Dear Chief Secretary,

Single-Use Plastic, often referred to as disposable plastics commonly used for plastic packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away. In recent times, global attention has been drawn towards plastic pollution, particularly due to single-use plastics.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (PWMR, 2016) to manage plastic in an environmentally sound manner throughout their life-cycle. A number of States/ UTs have implemented regulations supplementing PWMR, 2016 to manage plastic pollution. 15 States and 4 UTs have introduced notifications completely banning plastic carry bags and/ or single-use plastic items such as food packaging, cutlery etc.

Key aspects of effective management of plastic waste throughout the country include long-term improvements in waste management systems, promotion of alternative options, and effective awareness campaigns. There is also a need to maintain parity among actions at state level in different States/UTs so as to avoid ambiguity.

In this regard, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has prepared Standard Guidelines for Single-Use Plastic (**Annexure-I**) which suggests different set of actions that State/UT Governments may take to minimize production and use of single-use plastic.

I invite you to adopt these guidelines in your State/ UT and hope that actions suggested therein would be useful for effective management of plastic waste in your State / UT. We would also urge the States/ UTs to come up with innovative ideas to minimize Single Use Plastic and improve upon these guidelines in their States.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above.


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