

**Twelfth Quarterly Report submitted by the State of Sikkim in compliance with Order dated 12.09.2019 passed in O.A. No. 606/2018 in the matter of Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.**

The present report i.e., the 12<sup>th</sup> quarterly report now being submitted relates to the progress made in the above said matter between the period of January 2022 to March 2022.

1. The Government of Sikkim imposed ban on use, manufacture, import and sale of Plastic Water Bottles of capacity 2 litres and below w.e.f 1st January 2022 in Sikkim vide notification no.135/GOS/F&ED/PCCF-ACS dated 29/12/2021;
2. Plan for dealing with untreated and processed solid waste being taken up under Swacch Bharat Mission (U) 2.0.
3. Utilization of Plastic for road construction project has been initiated by NHIDCL in Rorathang area, Pakyong District. The plastic waste collected for road construction from various ULBs viz. Gangtok Municipal Corporation – 1101 kg, Namchi Municipal Council – 300 kg, Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat – 500 kg, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat -312 kg;
4. Work order for Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) for 05 nos of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) has been awarded by the Government. Installation of OCEMS in Gangtok Zone I – 4.69 MLD has been completed. Work for installation of OCEMS in Gangtok Zone I – 8.0 MLD and Gangtok Zone IV – 3.9 MLD will commence by end of April 2022. The installed OCEMS will be made operational simultaneously after completion of ongoing renovation work in the STPs;
5. State-wide Plastic Waste Awareness Week from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 was launched at Samman Bhawan on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang;
6. The above awareness campaign involved distribution of awareness material for phasing out Single Use Plastics like English Poster for all Govt. schools, Nepali Poster for Government Offices, Stickers for Government and Private Vehicle, Pamphlets for each household in the State, Banner for all district forest check post, radio jingles and awareness video for Social media platform;
7. Continuous Ambient Air Quality Station (CAAQMS) located at Zero Point, Gangtok was inaugurated at Samman Bhawan on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang;
8. Notice for prohibiting manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) was brought out by SPCB on 10/03/2022 in local newspapers for awareness;
9. Notice brought out by SPCB on 10/03/2022 to inform all concerned that CPCB has setup an exclusive centralized portal for registration Producer, Importer and Brand Owners (PIBOs) and Plastic Waste Processor (PWP) in local newspapers;

10. SPCB-Sikkim in association with Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok organized Women's Marathon on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with a motto "I am Running to Say No To Single Use Plastic";
11. Notice for prohibiting Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale & Use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) Items from 01/07/2022 was published by SPCB-Sikkim vide Ref no. SPCB/6163 dated 10/03/2022;
12. Notice for submission of EPR Action Plan as per Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022 was published by SPCB-Sikkim vide Ref no. 2014/SPCB6194 dated 10/03/2022.