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AND

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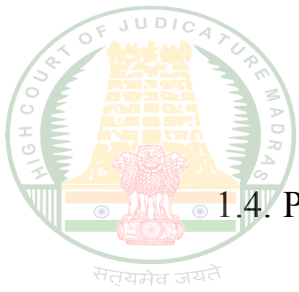
Issue relates to ban of plastic pet bottles and other banned plastic items in hilly areas – Entire Nilgris District, Kodaikkanal in Dindigul District and Megamalai in Theni District.

1. The Nilgris District:-

1.1 Today, the District Collector, Nilgris District, has filed a status report. The details of the man power engaged to monitor the various check-posts in the District are furnished in the tabular column in para (2).

1.2. It is also stated in the report, pursuant to the directions of this court, all the vehicle are being checked at the check-posts and the banned plastic bottles, plastic bags, or plastic items are collected and seized at the entry points to Nilgris District.

1.3. While recording the above, it is also made clear that '**all the vehicles**' include those of such commercial vehicles, which are transporting goods for the local merchants and shopkeepers shall also be checked. That apart, it is mentioned in para 4 that the process of finalization of installation of boom barrier at Kallar Check-post is also on. The same shall also be finalized soon and the constructions shall be completed by 31.03.2024.



1.4. Post on 08.01.2024 for filing further compliance report.

2. Kodaikkannal in Dindigul District:

2.1. Today, the District Collector, Dindigul District, has filed a status report enumerating the details of the man power engaged to monitor the various check-posts at the entry points to Kodaikkannal in Dindigul District.

2.2. We have gone through the status report. We are of the view that permanent infrastructures and adequate manpower have to be provided to monitor the various check-posts as done by the Nilgris District Administration. Besides, shift system should also be put in place. The report is silent as to whether all the vehicles including the commercial vehicles are properly checked.

2.3. Therefore, the District Collector, is directed to ensure that all the commercial vehicles which enter Kodaikkannal in Dindigul District with the goods for the local merchants and the shopkeepers are also checked thoroughly by the officers or staff concerned at the entry points to Kodaikkannal, to see that no banned plastic bottles, plastic bags, or plastic items are transported stealthily for delivery at Kodaikkannal in Dindigul District.

2.4. The District Collector, Dindigul District, is directed to file a status report on the above besides the implementation of anti-plastic move as directed by this court



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2.5. Post on 08.01.2024.

3. Megamalai in Theni District:

3.1. Insofar as the status report filed by the District Collector, Theni is concerned, it is seen that no permanent infrastructures have been provided to check the vehicles at the entry points to Meghamalai. It is also seen from the report that now checking is being carried at the forest check-posts with the help of the Forest Guards. We are therefore of the view that adequate manpower has to be provided for the continuous continuous monitoring of entry of all the vehicles to Megamalai besides providing permanent infrastructures.

3.2. Post on 08.01.2024 for further compliance report.

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