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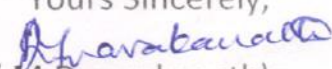
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Subject: Clarification regarding use of Non-woven bags.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your queries regarding the above subject. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that after the ban on the use of all kinds of plastic bags, in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi's order dated 7.8.08, there is increase in the use of non-woven types of bags which is also stated to be non-biodegradable. In order to assess the compositon of these kinds of bags, testing was conducted at Shriram Institute of Industrial Research, New Delhi, which has clearly indicated that the composition of such non-woven bags contained Polypropylene to the tune of 98.3% which is again a non-biodegradable material.

This fact was discussed in the Consent Management Committee meeting held on 20.2.2009 and it has been decided that such bags are also covered in the ambit of the High Court's order and hence shall not be allowed in the Local Shopping Complexes and Main Markets in Delhi. This may clearly be communicated to all your members and may be circulated to them in your communication directing them not to use such bags. This is for information and strict compliance.

Yours Sincerely,  
  
( M.Dwarakanath)

Sr Sci Officer

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