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PART IV (A) - PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The North Western Provincial Environmental Statute No. 12 of 1990

ORDER UNDER SECTION 39

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 39 of Provincial Environmental Statute, No. 12 of 1990, I, Athula Wijesinghe, Provincial Minister of Environment, do by this order, with effect from 10th of August 2008, prohibit —

1. the manufacture of polythene or any polythene product of twenty (20) microns or below in thickness for in country use ; and
2. the sale or use of polythene or any polythene product which is twenty (20) microns or below in thickness.

For the purpose of this Order “polythene” means any solid products, bags, material or contrivance manufactured using all forms of polythene, polystyrene, poly vinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate or any other similar raw material used for the purpose of carrying, packing wrapping or packaging.

ATHULA WIJESINGHE,
Chief Minister and Provincial Minister of Environment,
Finance and Planning, Law and Order,
Local Government and Provincial Administration,
Man Power, Education and Cultural Affairs,
Transport and Highways, Women’s Affairs
(North Western Provincial Council).

Kurunegala,
08th August, 2008.

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**The North Western Provincial Environmental Statute No. 12 of 1990**

REGULATIONS made by the Provincial Minister of Environment under Section 61 of the North Western Provincial Environmental Statute No. 12 of 1990 with paragraphs (a) and (c) of the Section 9 of the aforesaid statute.

ATHULA WIJESINGHE,
Chief Minister and Provincial Minister of Environment,
Finance and Planning, Law and Order,
Local Government and Provincial Administration,
Man Power, Education and Cultural Affairs,
Transport and Highways, Women's Affairs
(North Western Provincial Council).

Kurunegala,
10th August, 2008.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as prohibition of cultivation of annual crops in high gradient area, regulations published under Provincial Environmental Statute No. 12 of 1990.
2. No person shall -
 - (i) convert plantation, in the high gradient areas into crops, where the gradient of such plantation is more than seventy percentum (70%) [approximately - thirty eight degree (38°)] ;
 - (ii) clear new land areas in the gradient for the cultivation of annual crops where the gradient of such land is more than seventy percentum (70%) [approximately - thirty eight degree (38°)]; or
 - (iii) re-cultivation any land with annual crops, where the gradient of such land is more than seventy percentum (70%) [approximately - thirty eight degree (38°)] which had been earlier cultivated with annual crops.
3. Any land having a gradient of less than seventy percentum (70%) may be cultivated with other crops ;

Provided however where such land is to be cultivated with annual crops such cultivation shall be done in accordance with the Soil and Water Conservation Management Guidelines as are approved from time to time by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Agrarian Services and the Department of Irrigation as the case may be, and the provision of the Soil Conservation Act, (Chapter 450).
4. Every person who Acts in contravention of regulations 2 and 3 shall be guilty of an offence punishable under Section 60 of the Statute.
5. For the purpose of these Regulations —

“Statute” means the North Western Provincial Environmental Statute No. 12 of 1990.

“Annual crops” means crops that last for less than one year ;

“Plantation” means mono or poly cultures of perennials including pasture lands.