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The central pollution control board CPCB has issued a notice through which it has asked producers, shopkeepers, street vendors and the general public to stop the production, stocking, sale and usage of Single-use plastic items. The board has stated that violators will be punished and booked under the environment protection act. The environment department of Delhi is planning a policy for the use of alternatives.

According to the notification released by the Ministry of environment forest and climate “single-use plastic items—plastic sticks used in balloons, lags, candy, ice-cream and earbuds, thermocol that is used used in sweet boxes, invitation cards, cigarette packets, stirrers and plastic banners less than 100 microns in thickness—are banned from July 1.”

CPCB also has stated that plastic carry bags that are of 120 microns in thickness will be banned from December 31 2022.

This notice has been issued to address all vendors, e-commerce companies, producers, retailers and shopkeepers on sale and usage of single-use plastic. The notification states that strict action will be taken under the environmental protection act, including punishments such as the seizure of goods, charge under environmental compensation, and closure of industries/ commercial establishments' operations.

Delhi Draft policy: The state government is implementing procedures to promote alternatives of certain plastics. Single-use plastic in the form of earbuds, balloons, flags, candy and ice cream would be replaced by wooden and bamboo products. It suggested that the refill pens should also be replaced with use and throw pens.

The policy further states that paper glasses, bamboo bottles instead of plastic water sachets and plastic water bottles which have a capacity of 1 litre or less. The government has also suggested wooden cutlery and plastic dishes be used instead of plastic ones. Edible cutlery can also be used which are made from grains, pulses or millets.



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