

No.MSPCB/TB/MISC/ENGG/Part-IV/2022/2023-24/54 Dated Shillong, the 16th May, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: BAN ON MANUFACTURING, SALE, STORAGE, PURCHASE AND USE OF CHINESE MANJHA OR THREAD USED FOR KITE FLYING.

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its order dated 11.07.2017, in the matter of Execution Application No. 06/2020 in OA No. 384/2016: Khalid Ashraf Vs. UOI, directed that " *...there shall be total ban on the Manjha or thread for kite flying which is made of nylon or any synthetic material and or coated with synthetic substance and is non-biodegradable. All the Chief Secretaries of all the States UTS are directed to enforce the prohibition of manufacture and use of synthetic manjha nylon thread for kite flying throughout their state territories. The respondents are directed to ban import of any synthetic manjha nylon thread or similar thread coated with synthene substances, in any part of the country..*"

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its order dated 21.01.2020 while hearing the matter w.r.t. allegation of non-enforcement of the directions by States, for the prohibition of manufacture and use of synthetic manjha/nylon thread for kite flying, directed "CPCB to ascertain the status of compliance of said directions from all the States UTS and furnish a consolidated report to this tribunal."

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide dated 23.02.2023 in the matter of accidents/ injuries caused by the use of Chinese Manjha for Kite flying has requested for taking appropriate action and to direct all SPCBs/PCC's for prohibition of manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha for Kite flying.

The CPCB vide CM-13011/35/2023-IPC-V-HO-CPCB-HO Dated 27th March 2023 directed all SPCBs/PCCs to give wide publicity regarding ban on manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha or thread used for kite flying which is made of nylon or any synthetic material and/or coated with synthetic substance and is non-biodegradable.

All the concerned authority and general public are hereby advised to abide by the Directions and non-compliance if found may be intimated to the undersigned for necessary action as deemed fit.



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