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To

The Collector,
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Respected Sir,

Subject: Ensure strict implementation of the order of the Hon'ble High Court in consonance with advisory letter of FSSAI regarding ban on usage of newspaper in hotels, tea shops, bakeries and street vendors in Kanyakumari District for the purpose of wrapping eatables/snacks as Bujji, Bonda, Samosa etc. with a view to absorb excess oil - Encourage to use alternative method of tissue papers for that purpose - Request reg.:

- Ref:-**
1. Advisory letter of Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) in File No.1/Stds /Newspaper Packaging /FSSAI - 2016 Dated 06-12-2016.
 2. Circular of the Commissioner of Food Safety and Drug Administration Department in R.No.9863/2016/SI/FSSA dated 01-04-2019.
 3. Order of Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P. No.32102 of 2017.

Our organization viz., Earth & Health Care Council is an NGO functioning with the prime object of protecting the environment and preserving the health of the people.

By time immemorial, it has been a common practice that foodstuffs like bujji, samosa, bondas are being served in newspaper cuttings and being encouraged the consumers to be used a cut sized newspapers for sucking excess cooking oils in the hotels, tea shops, bakeries and street vendors which is being hanged or kept on the table in almost all parts of Kanyakumari District despite such practice is banned by Commissioner of Food Safety and Drug Administration Department vide its Circular in reference-2 cited above in the wake of Advisory Letter of Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) in reference-1 cited above. It is pertinent to state at this juncture that the Hon'ble Madras High Court proclaimed an order in reference-3 cited

above directed the Commissioner of Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department and the Secretary of Home Ministry, Government of Tamil Nadu, to implement the Circular 2nd cited above in its true letter and spirit. Even though the officials of our state Food Safety and Drug Administration Department like all district Designated Officers and Food Safety Officers and the District Collectors of all district has taken staunch efforts to implement the said circular, the same has not been able to reach in its fullest effect.

The Organization is obligated to state that its medically proven that usage of newspaper bits for consumption of food stuffs would cause short and long term health risks in view of the chemicals used in the inks for printing the newspaper. Our organization is imparting awareness on the said impact through social media which may reach the public faster than any other modes.

In the recent past, in the wake of guidelines of said order, the District Collector of Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh has imposed a complete ban on the usage of newspaper for serving foods and snacks in their administrative territory and fined Rupees Two Lakhs on the shopkeepers whom had breached the Guidelines.

Hence in the same way, we request your benign authority to ensure implementation of said order in your administrative territory in its fullest effect in the interest of public at large and Our Organization are taking effective steps to made known about the impact, consequence and alternative of such nature to the General public and shops/tea stalls in specific.

Thanking you.

Regards
Dilipp Singh
(President of EHCC)

Enclosure: Reference no.1 and 3.

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