



**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASING
OUT OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS (SUPs)
IN THE STATE OF MIZORAM
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ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON ELIMINATION OF

SINGLE USE PLASTICS (SUPs) – VOLUME II

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INTRODUCTION

In line with the clarion call given by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on World Environment Day, 2018 to phase out single use plastic items by 2022, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021 on 12th August 2021.

Carrying forward the spirit of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava', a defining step to curb pollution caused by littered and unmanaged plastic waste is being taken by the country. India will ban manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential, all across the country from July 1, 2022.

The Government of India has taken resolute steps for mitigation of pollution caused by littered Single Use Plastics. The list of banned items includes *-ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice- cream sticks, polystyrene (Thermocol) for decoration, plastic plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards,*

cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.

The Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021, also prohibit manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags of

- thickness less than 75 microns with effect from 30th September, 2021
- thickness less than 120 microns with effect from the 31st December, 2022.

The Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2022, added prohibition of selling or providing of raw materials to any unregistered producer/processor by manufacturers of plastic and also added the application form for the registration of Importers under Form I Sub no. III.

The thickness specifications are not applicable to compostable plastics which are to be certified by CPCB.

The Rules also prohibited use of Plastic packaging for tobacco products and thickness of plastic sheet or like used for packaging, wrapping commodity should not be less than 50 microns.

Accordingly, a National Task Force (NTF) was constituted by the Ministry for effective coordination and collaboration among all States for elimination of SUPs. The first meeting of the NTF, chaired by the Secretary, MoEF&CC was held virtually on 31.08.2021 which reviewed the actions taken and urged all states for implementation of the PMO's direction as below:

- ✓ Constitution of Special Task Force
- ✓ Preparation of comprehensive Action Plan
- ✓ Organising essay writing competition for school students
- ✓ Action for reducing/elimination of SUPs in Govt. Offices, attached/subordinate offices. PSUs/organisation
- ✓ Awareness generation towards elimination of identified SUPs

CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL TASK FORCE AND PREPARATION OF ACTION PLAN

The Govt. of Mizoram has taken various steps for implementation of SUP in line with the action plan chalked out by National Task Force and other action points developed by Central Pollution Control Board.

- 1. Constitution of Special Task Force (STF), Mizoram:** A Special Task Force (STF) is constituted for the elimination of SUPs in the State under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary vide Notification dated 04.05.2021 and subsequently on 14.03.2022.

The Committee comprises of members from various Departments of the State as listed below:

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| 1) Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram | - Chairman |
| 2) Principal Secretary, EF & CC Deptt. | - Member |
| 3) Secretary, UD&PA Deptt. | - Member |
| 4) Secretary, Rural Development Deptt. | - Member |
| 5) Secretary, Commerce & Industries Deptt. | - Member |
| 6) Secretary, Local Administration Deptt. | - Member |
| 7) Secretary, School Education Deptt. | - Member |
| 8) Secretary, Higher & Technical Deptt. | - Member |
| 9) Secretary, Information & Public Relations | - Member |
| 10) Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Deptt. | - Member |
| 11) Secretary, Labour, Employment, Skill
Development & Entrepreneurship Deptt. | - Member |
| 12) Secretary, Planning & Programme
Implementation Deptt. | - Member |
| 13) Secretary, Public Health Engineering Deptt. | - Member |

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| 14) Secretary, Home Department | - Member |
| 15) Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Deptt. | - Member |
| 16) Secretary, General Administration Deptt. | - Member |
| 17) Member Secretary,
Mizoram Pollution Control Board | - Member
Secretary |

2. Preparation and Adoption of Comprehensive Action Plan

(CAP): The first meeting of the Task Force was held on 02.02.2022, wherein the Comprehensive Action Plan drafted by Mizoram Pollution Control Board was finalized and adopted by the Task Force for implementation in the state.

The CAP encompasses measures to reduce supply of raw materials, demand side measures to reduce plastic demand, enabling measures to promote alternatives to SUP, digital interventions for efficient monitoring and to create awareness, and guidance to various Departments and Institutions in the State.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

The status on the implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan undertaken by different departments and institutions in the State are summarized as below:

- 1. DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE:** All the eleven districts have constituted Committee for implementing the Elimination of SUPs in their respective districts.
- 2. AWARENESS ON PHASING OUT OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS:** Various departments and institutions have been taking measures for awareness generation for elimination of SUPs and effective implementation of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 which are as follows:

2.1 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN UNDERTAKEN BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

2.1.1 UD&PA Department

- a) Awareness Campaign on SUPs were generated through activities such as:
 - Distribution of environmental-friendly paper bags to street and vegetable vendors.
 - Students led anti-plastic awareness campaigns.
 - Cleaning of discarded plastic items from water bodies such as drains, rivers, streams, etc.

- Distribution of Single-use plastic related pamphlets and bookmarks.
- Regular checking of stalls and shops from using one-time use plastic bags.
- Distribution of cloth bags to discourage the use of polythene bags.
- Mass media awareness campaign on SUP.

2.1.2 Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC)

- Checking of market complexes in Aizawl is conducted on regular basis and till December 2023, 2231.71 Kgs of banned SUPs has been seized while a fine of ₹ 16,500/- has been imposed.
- Notification issued banning sale and use of all types of SUPs like carry bags < 120µ, cutlery items, plastics sticks, polystyrene, invitation card, cigarette packets, Plastic/ PVC banner <100µ on 01.03.2023.
- Awareness campaign conducted in Aizawl area during January – April 2023.
- An appeal has been made to all the Churches within the AMC area not to use banned SUPs in the coming Christmas and New Year Celebrations.

2.1.3 Mizoram Pollution Control Board

a) Awareness creations among Eco Club Students:

- Online Drawing Competition under the theme ‘Say No to Plastics’ for Primary School and Middle School Students was organized in observance of the Earth Day, 2023.
- Online Poster Making Competition for Mizoram Eco-Club Schools was organized under the theme ‘Alternatives to Single Use plastics’ for High School and Higher Secondary School students in observance of the Earth Day 2023. Results of the online competitions were declared on 8th May, 2023.
- The MPCB and all 11 Offices of District Education Officers organized a mass awareness campaigns in all district headquarters of the State from 23rd May, 2023 up to 30th May, 2023 witnessing the participation of more than 3,494 students and teachers in the campaign.
- Conducted SUP free Cleanliness Drives on 25th & 26th May, 2023 in all Districts of Mizoram.
- Open Photography Competition was organized in collaboration with Mizoram School of Photography under the theme ‘Beat Plastic Pollution’ during 15.05.2023 - 31.05.2023. The competition witnessed 92 entries from 44

participants. The result was announced on 5th June 2023 at the Grand function organised by MPCB in commemoration of the World Environment Day, 2023.

- The MPCB and EEP conducted Painting Competition under the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution' in collaboration with Mizoram Academy of Arts for Mizoram School Students on 27.05.2023 at Govt. Mizo High School, Aizawl. The competition was categorized into two categories such as: - Category I for Primary School & Middle School Level Students and Category II for High School & Higher Secondary School Level Students. About 108 students participated in the Competition. Announcement of results and distribution of prizes was held during the commemoration of the World Environment Day, 2023.
- Online Quiz Competition was organized in observance of the World Environment Day 2023 during 29th - 31st May 2023. Primary & Middle School Level Students were grouped under Category I while High School & Higher Secondary School Level Students were grouped under Category II. 138 students and 555 students participated in Category I & II respectively. Results of the online quiz competition were

announced during the function held in observance of the World Environment Day 2023.

- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB organized ‘Online Single Use Plastic Quiz Competition’ for High School and Higher Secondary School Level students within Mizoram on 30th October, 2023. Around 94 students participated at online quiz competition. Cash incentives of ₹ 1000/- each was awarded to Top six (6) ranks.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB organized ‘Single Use Plastic Clean-up Drive’ at Sakawrhmutuai Tlang, Sihphir and conduct awareness at Sihphir Village on 01.12.2023.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB organized ‘Single Use Plastic Clean-up Drive’ within MINECO, Khatla complex on 29.01.2024.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB organized Local level house to house Single Use Plastic awareness campaign at Upper Republic, Aizawl and Samtlang Village on 30.01.2024 and 23.02.2024 respectively.

b. Other Awareness activities with the general community:

- Conducted workshop on Ban on Single Use Plastics and Registration of Producers to

Centralized EPR Portal with Mizoram Merchant Association & Plastic Products Manufacturing Units (Producers) on 28.03.2023.

- Conducted awareness campaign and River Cleanliness Drive at River Chite in collaboration with Chite Veng Branch YMA Chhang on 22nd March 2023 in observance of World Water Day 2023.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub collaborated with MPCB conducted a mass SUP Free Cleanliness Drives on 21st April 2023 within Mizoram New Capital Complex (MINECO), Khatla as part of observance of Earth Day, 2023.
- The MPCB in collaboration with Govt. K.M. Higher Secondary School organized Mass Plastic Clean-up Drives on 26. 05. 2023 in observance of World Environment Day, 2023.
- One Day Exhibition on ‘Waste to Wealth’ was jointly organised by Mizoram EIACP Hub and MPCB on 31.05.2023 at Chanmari YMA Hall, Aizawl. 63 enthusiasts from different parts of Mizoram participated. Result was announced on 5th June 2023 i.e. the World Environment Day.
- Cleanliness drives were conducted in the month of June 2023 with Eco-Clubs member schools

and colleges in all districts in observance of the World Environment Day, 2023.

- Conducted River Clean-Up drive at Tuikual Lui, Chawnpui, Aizawl on 21.06.2023.
- Conducted a mass SUP Free Clean-up Drive on 21.07.2023 at Khatla Thlânmuall Road, MINECO
- Conducted cleanliness drive at Lawibual Lui (stream), I.T.I Veng, Aizawl on 29th August 2023 in collaboration with Eco Club of Govt. Hrangbana College and Local Council, ITI Veng.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub and MPCB organised ‘River Cleanliness Drives’ at Tuikual River, Chawnpui, Aizawl on 31st October 2023.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB organized Single Use Plastics cleanup drives under theme ‘Reduced Single Use Plastics’ with students of Govt. Chaltlang Middle School, Chaltlang, Aizawl on 21.02.2024.
- Mizoram EIACP Hub, MPCB in collaboration with Govt. Johnson College, Khatla, Aizawl organized river cleanliness drive at Tuikual Lui, Aizawl on 22.03.2024 in observance of World Water Day.

2.2 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN UNDERTAKEN BY DISTRICT AUTHORITIES

2.2.1 Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District:

- Awareness campaign conducted in November 2022 and started ‘Carry your own bag’ movement.
- In May 2023 awareness campaign was conducted twice within Lunglei Town area.

2.2.2 Deputy Commissioner, Siaha District:

- Awareness Campaign conducted twice among the shopkeepers and general public in May 2023.

2.2.3 Deputy Commissioner, Champhai District:

- Awareness campaign conducted in May 2023.

2.2.4 Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib District:

- Awareness campaign conducted in market places, public transport terminals/stations.
- Awareness campaigns conducted in December 2022.
- Training on making of alternatives for SUPs conducted in February 2023.

- Awareness campaigns are carried out through digital flyers, music videos by various artists and public campaigns in May 2023.
- Exhibition on ‘Waste to Art’ competition was organised on 15.12.2023 at Venglai Bazar, Kolasib.
- UD&PA Dept. Kolasib collected used water bottle for making chairs and tables.
- One Minute Video making competition was organised by UD&PA Dept. Kolasib under the theme “Urban Cleanliness” on 15.12.2023.

2.2.5 Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip District:

- Conduct awareness campaign in February 2023.
- Conduct awareness campaign in May 2023.

2.2.6 Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai District:

- Awareness campaigns conducted thrice in May 2023.

2.2.7 Deputy Commissioner, Mamit District:

- Awareness campaigns conducted among the street vendors on January 2023.

- Awareness conducted on February 2023 with NGOs and NSS.
- Awareness campaigns conducted twice in the month of May 2023 and 'Bring your own bag' movement was launched.

2.2.8 Deputy Commissioner, Khawzawl District:

- Conducted awareness in February 2023.

2.2.9 Deputy Commissioner, Saitual District:

- Conducted awareness Programme in January 2023.

2.2.10 Deputy Commissioner, Hnahthial District:

- Notification was issued on banning and sale of SUP items below 120 μ and promotes use of SUP alternatives on 05.10.2023.
- Awareness campaigns conducted in January 2023.
- Notification issued banning sale and use of all types of SUPs < 120 μ on 14.03.2023 and promote the use of bags and basket made of bamboo/paper.
- Conducted awareness in March 2024.

3. DECLARATION OF INSTITUTIONS AS ‘SUP-FREE’ PREMISES

3.1 Government entities:

Twenty (20) Departments and establishments declared their office complexes as SUP free.

The following four departments declared their office complexes as SUP free during Dec. 2022 – Nov. 2023:

- i) R.D Block, Darlawn (7 Block level offices, 4 School, 2 Banks and 1 PHC)
- ii) DRDO, Khawzawl
- iii) DC, Kolasib (All District offices)
- iv) Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Deptt.

4. ITEM NO. 4 OF THE CAP: SUPPLY SIDE INTERVENTIONS

4.1 Stopping Supply of Plastic Raw Materials

- i. Structured Market Inspection to be conducted by third party/independent agencies which will be identified by the Mizoram Pollution Control Board (MPCB). Formats of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) shall be used for inspections.
- ii. Random Inspections of plastic waste raw material suppliers to check that raw materials are not supplied for producing banned SUP's.

4.2 Stopping Manufacturing of Banned SUPs

Mapping of district-wise details of the concerned industries/ authorities in the State.

Urban Areas: Name, designation, email ID & phone nos. of municipal corporations, zones, and wards to be provided.

Rural Areas: Name, designation, email ID & phone nos. of village panchayats, blocks to be provided.

Actions Taken:

- Details (*name, designation, email ID & phone nos.*) of concerned officers in ***Urban Areas*** and ***Rural Areas*** were submitted to the CPCB.
- Due to the transfer and posting of officers, requests were made to District Authorities to identify new Nodal Officers.

The status is as shown below:

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Officer In-charge as received	Status
1	Aizawl	Pu C. Lalmalsawma, (AMC)	Log – in ID generated for the Officer and Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspections done.
		Pu PC. Lalmalsawma (for other notified town)	Log – in ID generated for the Officer and Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal.
2	Lunglei	Pu Donny Lalruatsanga (LMC)	Log - in IDs created for the Officer appointed. Yet to upload status to the Portal.
2	Lunglei	Pu C. Sawihlira (other NT outside LMC)	Log - in IDs created for the Officer appointed. Yet to upload status to the Portal.
3	Champhai	Pi R. Lalnunkimi	Log – in IDs created for the Officer appointed. Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspections done.
4	Mamit	Pi Hmangaihzuali (New)	Log – in ID generated for the previous Officer but not yet generated for the newly appointed Officer. Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspections done.
5	Kolasib	Pu Lal Muanpuia	Log – in ID generated for the Officer appointed. Yet to update the status to the Portal.
6	Serchhip	Pu Lalhruailiana Zote	Log – in ID generated for the Officer and Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspection done.
7	Siaha	Pi B. Malsawmtluangi	
8	Lawngtlai	Pi Margaret J. Vanlalremmawii	
9	Saitual	Pu VL. Chaka Hmar	Log – in ID generated for the Officer and Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspections done
10	Khawzawl	Pu Vabeimozachhi Chinzah	Log – in ID generated for the Officer appointed.
11	Hnahthial	Pu Neng Thianlala	Uploaded status to the CPCB Portal for every inspection done

4.3 Stopping Sale of Banned SUP Items

4.3.1: District-wise identification of major stockists/retailers/sellers of banned SUPs.

4.3.2: Fresh commercial licenses to be issued to the stockists/retailers/sellers with the condition that they will not sell banned SUP items.

5. ITEM NO. 5 OF THE CAP: INTERVENTIONS ON DEMAND SIDE

5.1 Stopping Usage of Banned SUP items

5.1.1: District-wise identification of major commercial establishments (malls/marketplaces/shopping centres/cinema houses/tourist locations/schools/colleges/office complexes/hospitals & other Institutions)

5.1.2: Fresh commercial licenses to be issued to commercial establishment with the condition that they will not sell banned SUP items.

6. ITEM NO. 6 OF THE CAP: ENFORCEMENT

6.1: Constitution of Enforcement Squad:

Enforcement Squads may be constituted to carry out surprise inspection to industries, stockist and market place periodically. The squads will seize banned plastic articles and seal the premises of habitual violators.

Actions taken:

The 2nd Inspection Team was constituted vide UD&PA Notification dated 20.04.2023 which supersedes EF&CC Notification No. B.11013/28/2022-FST dated 20.10.2022. The members are as follows:

- Team Leader : Jt. Municipal Commissioner, AMC
- Members : 1) Pu Vanlalthuama, Enforcement Inspector, AMC
- 2) Pi Freda Tluangi, Enforcement Inspector, AMC
- 3) Representative of Director, UD&PA Deptt., to be nominated by him
- 4) C. Lalthangkima, Promotion Officer, (Marketing), Aizawl, Commerce & Industries Deptt.
- 5) Representative of S.P, Aizawl District not below the rank of inspector

Nineteen (19) Enforcement Squads/Committee were constituted by various departments and District Commissioners.

The following Department and District Commissioners have constituted Enforcement Squads/ Committee during Dec. 2022 – Nov. 2023:

1. Siaha District
2. Mamit District
3. LESDE Department

6.2 Inspection: Conduction of structured field inspections as per guidelines of the Central Government.

Actions taken:

Several concerned authorities like **Joint Inspection Team constituted by the State Govt. (Sl. No. 6.1) in all District towns, Aizawl Municipal Corporation in Aizawl** conducted inspection within their jurisdiction.

Status of inspection conducted during December 2022 to December 2023 is placed below:

I. a) 1st Joint Inspection Team (at Aizawl):

Month of Inspection conducted	No. of violations observed	Quantity of seized SUP (In Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
December 2022	36	25.955	Nil
Total	36	25.955	Nil

(b) 2nd Joint Inspection Team (at Aizawl):

Month of Inspection conducted	No. of violations observed	Quantity of seized SUP (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
April	34	381.535	44,200
May	23	191.9	29,900
June	16	68.4	20,800
July	20	180.6	26,000
August	15	24.7	7,500
Total	108	847.135	28,400

1) Aizawl District:

Month/Year of Inspection	Quantity of seized SUP (In Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
2023 (Jan. – December)	1049.12	16,500
January 2024	87	11,500
February 2024	110.5	4,000
March 2024	98.3	8,500

Note: During 2021 & 2022, 967.55 Kgs & 215.04 Kgs of banned SUPs are seized respectively. With that, the total quantity seized till December 2023 is 2231.7

2) Lunglei District:

Month of Inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
May 2023	Inspection conducted twice.		

3) Siaha District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity of seized SUP (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
December 2022		Plastic items < 50 micron seized.	
May 2023		99	18,000.00
July 2023		7.50	
Monthly surprise inspections were conducted by District Level Committee in 2023 & 2024			
Total		106.5	18,000.00

4) Champhai District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
May 2023		280	
<i>Note: Seized SUPs by the Customs, Excise & Narcotics Department will be used for construction of road</i>			

5) Kolasib District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity of seized SUP (In Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
December 2022	Inspection conducted		
February 2023	Inspection conducted		
May 2023		70.0	
July 2023		7.2	
Total		77.2	

6) Serchhip District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
February 2023	Inspections conducted twice		
May 2023	Inspections conducted twice		

7) Lawngtlai District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
May 2023		20 disposable cups, 30 polythene bags	14,900
Total			14,900.00

8) Mamit District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
February 2023	Inspection conducted		
May 2023	Inspection conducted twice		
June 2023	Inspection conducted		

9) Khawzawl District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
January & June 2023	Inspection conducted		
March 2024	300 Nos. of carry bags		

10) Saitual District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
2023	Monthly inspections conducted		
15 th , 20 th , 22 nd & 27 th May 2023	Inspections conducted at Saitual, Keifang, Rulchawm, Ruallung and Sihfa village and seized SUP items less than 75 microns		

11) Hnahthial District:

Month of inspection	No. of violations observed	Quantity seized (in Kgs)	Amount of fines (in Rupees)
Hnahthial Task Force on SUP conducted inspection 11 times within town area			
Inspection conducted in March 2024			

12) UD&PA (Inspection conducted in Sairang and Lengpui Town) -

Month of Inspection	Quantity of seized SUP (In Kgs)	Amount of fines in Rupees)
September 2023	2.96	1,500
October 2023	2.31	6,200
November 2023	2.02	2,800
Total	7.29	10,500

13) MPCB -

- Inspections for backtracking manufacturers / producers, sellers, etc. of banned SUPs was conducted in September and December 2023.

6.3: Action Taken with seized SUPs/Plastic Waste.**1. Saitual:**

- With initiative taken by Saitual DC and PWD, a green road (approach road) to Tourist Lodge Saitual which measures a distance of about 1.5 kms has been constructed by using plastic waste.
- Plastic Wastes has been collected and procured by Govt. Saitual College out of which plastic tiles and brooms were made

7. ITEM NO. 7 THE OF CAP: CREATION OF ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR PHASING OUT SUPS**7.1 Promotion of Alternatives to SUP**

- (a) Extend assistance to SHGs in obtaining loan from banks/financial institutions.
- (b) Allot stall on priority for sales of alternative products.
- (c) Promote advertisements from the industries about their products.

- (d) Ensuring the purchase of products from these stalls/industries in functions/events organized by the Government departments/agencies.

Actions taken:

- In Champhai, a shop named 'Save Earth' free of SUPs and selling alternate items is opened in CHANEM Building
- A proposal on Training on development of bamboo as replacement to Single Use Plastic prepared by Bamboo Development Agency, Mizoram based on the minute of The Special Task Force on Elimination of Single Use Plastic meeting held on 02.03.2023 submitted to the State Govt. (EF&CC). Additional information requested by the Government was also forwarded to EF&CC Department.
- Plastic Bottle banks are installed in strategic locations for further processing. Collected bottles are to be utilized and upcycled by various Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- Single Use Plastic alternatives such as steel Water Bottles, Bio-degradable bags, Paper cups, Paper Lunch boxes and Cloth banners have been widely used in official functions and gatherings.
- SHGs have been engaged in exploring alternative solutions to polythene bags and waste to wealth initiatives.

- To promote the use of cloth bags, jute bags and cloth bags with 'Anti-SUP' message have been distributed in 28 urban towns of the State.
- Reusable steel water bottles have been distributed on various occasions with to eliminate the use of packaged drinking water.
- Two units producing compostable bags and cups are granted consent by MPCB.

8. ITEM NO. 8 OF THE CAP: MONITORING

8.1 Meeting to review the status on phasing out SUPs

Actions taken:

- The EF&CC Department requested all District Magistrates to convened regular meeting of District Level Committee on elimination of Single Use Plastic on 04.04.2022.
- Meeting of District Level Committee:
 - Khawzawl District convened on March 2023
 - Aizawl District on January 2023
 - Champhai District convened on February 2023
 - Siahla District convened quarterly meetings in 2023
 - Lunglei District convened twice on 9th January 2023 and 15th February 2023
 - Kolasib District on February 2023
 - Mamit District on 14th March 2023

8.2 Monitoring through inspections

Actions taken:

Inspections are carried out against commercial establishment, hotels, restaurants, railway stations, airports etc. by ULBs and manufacturers by SPCBs. Each concerned authority appoint Inspectors/Inspecting officers who make reports through Inspection Apps. Further, actions have been initiated against defaulters with effect from 1st July 2022 and details are uploaded to the CPCB Web based Monitoring Module. For the purpose, the State PCB and ULBs/RLBs are registered and log in credentials are generated and informed to concerned Departments/Agency. So far, Reports on 366 entities is uploaded by concerned authorities.

8.3 Monitoring through SUP App to be developed by the Nodal Department

Actions taken:

- The CPCB has developed SUP Compliance Portal to which all states are to upload inspection and other activities.
- The MPCB has generated log-in IDs for all concerned authorities to enable them access and submit report to the portal everyday by 4 p.m.

9. ITEM NO. 9 OF THE CAP: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS / GRIEVANCE APPS

Actions taken:

SUP Grievance App is developed by the CPCB through which public can lodge complaints against SUP selling, usage etc. The ULBs are to settle the grievance within 7 days and the compliance status are to be monitored by concerned State Pollution Control Boards on. Till date no complaints received.

10. ITEM NO. 10 OF THE CAP: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCE APPS

The UD&PA Department developed Grievance App: **Swachh Mizoram** for addressing public complaints/ grievances related to Plastic Wastes Management Rules. However, the App is not in use as the Central Government has directed all States to use the CPCB developed Grievance Apps called SUP-CPCB so that it could be monitored uniformly in the whole Country.

Both the Apps are available in Google Play Store which is available for download at the Web link:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.supcpcb&pli=1>

11. ITEM NO. 11 OF THE CAP: SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

Submission of fortnightly (1st and 15th of every month) status/action taken reports by all concerned Government departments/agencies/authorities to MPCB for further updating to CPCB Portal before 5th and 20th of every month in the prescribed format.

12. PERFORMANCE RANKING

As per the CPCB report, the State of Mizoram secured 12th position in the overall performance ranking and first position in the North East on implementation of the ban on SUPs.

13. PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT BYE-LAWS

The Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) issued notification on Plastic Waste Management Bye-Laws for compliance w.e.f. 02.08.2023



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Pic: Drawing Competition under the theme ‘Say No to Plastics’ organised by MPCB in observance of World Environment Day (WED) 2023



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Pic: Bottle bank installed for discarding of plastic bottles by UD&PA Deptt.



Pic: Floor tiles made out of plastics waste.



Pic: SUP Items seized by SUP Enforcement Squads



Pic: SUP Inspections at Sairang and Lengpui by Enforcement Squad of UD&PA Department



Pic: SUP Inspections by UD&PA Inspection Team at Sairang



Pic: SUP Inspections by AMC Inspection Team



Pics: Backtracking of SUP by MPCB



Pics: Posters @ Planning & Programme Implementation Department

List of Banned Single Use Plastic (SUP)



Plastic Sticks (Ear Buds)



Balloon Plastic Sticks



Plastic Straw



Carry Bags (<75 Microns)



Candy Plastic Sticks



Ice Cream Plastic Sticks



Thin Plastic Sheets



Spoon, Fork & Knife (Cutlery)



Plastic Cups



Plastic Plates



Polystyrene (Thermocol) for Decoration



Thermocol Plates & Cups



Plastic Trays



Plastic Film Packaging for Sweet Box, Invitation Cards & Cigarettes



Plastic Flags



**PVC Banner/Flex banner
<100 Microns**



Non-Woven Plastic Bags <60 Gram Per Square Metre (GSM)



Transparent Packaging