

Food Security and Standards Act, 2006 Rule &
Regulation 2011 -
Implementation of Ban Order storage,
distribution and sale tobacco products of Gutkha,
panmasala, scented tobacco/scented areca nut,
kharra or referred to as by any other name

Government of Maharashtra

Rural Development Department

Government Circular No.VPM-2011/C.R.363/PR-3

Bandhkam Bhavan, 25, Marzban Road, Fort,

Mumbai – 400 001.

Dated: 24th September 2013

Preamble –

Government has issued Ban Order under Food Security and Standards Act 2006, Sec 30(2) (a) in the State. By this Ban Order storage, distribution and sale tobacco products of Gutkha, panmasala, scented tobacco/scented areca nut, kharra or referred to as by any other name, and as it is hazardous to the human life. Issuing instructions to the Grampanchayats about what action they can initiate was under consideration of the Government. Also deaths occurring due to chewing of tobacco, gutkha or similar products are a serious issue. Therefore, following instructions are issued for keeping this subject on the agenda of every meeting of the Gramsabha and action to be taken by them.

Government Circular

Gramsabha being the an important limb of the Panchayat Raj System, with a view to strengthening of Gramsabhas, Government has included various provisions by way of reforms from time to time, which provides for every Gramsabha to hold minimum four meetings in year wherein this subject should be on their agenda (every time).

2. Office bearers of Zilla Parishad/Panchayat Samiti/Grampanchayat should give information of these orders in the meetings and spread awareness in the people. In case, anywhere in the village, anybody found storage, distribution and sale of tobacco products of Gutkha, panmasala, scented tobacco/scented areca nut, kharra or referred to as by any other name, as it is hazardous to the human life, should be reported to the FDA and local police.

3. All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads should bring this Circular to the notice of all Grampanchayats and ensure if action on the above lines is taken.

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BY order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra.

Sd/-

(S.S. Sandhu)

Principal Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

To

- 1) Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 2) Secretary to Deputy Chief Minister, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32

- 3) Private Secretary to minister for Rural Development, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 4) Private Secretary to Minister for Public Health, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 5) Private Secretary to Minister of State for Rural Development, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 6) Private Secretary to Minister of State for Public Health, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 7) Chief Secretary, Maharashtra State, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32
- 8) All MLA, MLCs, Legislative Secretariat, Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai
- 9) Personal Assistant to Principal Secretary
- 10) All Divisional Commissioners
- 11) CEOs of all ZP
- 12) Dy. CEOs of all ZPs
- 13) All Block Development Officers, Panchayat Samiti
- 14) All Mantralaya Departments
- 15) All Nodal Officers and Desk Officers, Rural Development Department
- 16) Select File