

Maharashtra Plastic Ban: Exemption for food take-away containers

The state environment ministry is likely to exempt bags used to pack garments, take-away food containers, plastic glasses, bowls, etc. from the ban.

Minister for Environment Ramdas Kadam confirmed that plastic manufactures have been asked to increase the thickness of the plastic used to package food and garments. He said that they have also asked the manufacturers to give an affidavit that no plastic will be thrown on the road. They will take the responsibility of collecting and recycling of these bags. If they fail to do so, they will be penalized heavily. Kadam also said that he is meeting all concerned civic bodies to ensure strict implementation of the ban. Plastic bottle manufacturers have agreed to install 200 recycling machines across the Mumbai. These will be installed at schools, colleges, railway stations, market and malls so that people can reach them easily.