“Poly Packaging and Plastic Bags – Eliminating Use”

(Collective inputs of over 250,000 Citizens in Swachh Bharat Circle)

1. Jute bags should be made mandatory in malls and supermarkets

2. Use of poly packaging for public use products should be banned

3. Paper packaging should be promoted

4. Government should take the lead to bring laws for banning poly packaging and plastic bags from public use

5. Shops should be allowed to charge Rs. 5 to 10 for the bag they are giving (like in big bazar & mother dairy) which can be reimbursed on returning.

6. Every municipality must have a poly packaging inspection focal with clear accountability

7. Municipality should be made to make surprise checks in shops to prevent the usage of poly packaging

8. Shops/Businesses selling poly packaged products should be steeply fined

9. The number of units manufacturing polybags should be curtailed and discouraged through taxation

10. The health hazards which poly packaging and plastic bags pose need to highlighted through mass media

11. Kids should be educated in school to not use poly packaged products

12. A serious thought should be given to alternates that can be used in place of plastics. These alternates should be made available easily at a wide scale and their use should be encouraged

13. SBM Directorate should issue clear guidelines to all ULBs and other enforcement authorities specifying exact action needed from their end.

This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 250,000 strong Swachh Bharat Citizens’ Online Community on LocalCircles. To join visit, http://tinyurl.com/SwachhBharat-NationalCircle