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10267 of 2016 and W.M.P.Nos.15106, 15109, 15111 & 15112 of 2019
and M.P.(MD)No.1 of 2014**

**V.BHARATHIDASAN, J.
AND
N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**

I - Sealing of shops selling banned plastic items

1. Regarding selling of banned plastic items in Ooty and Kodaikannal, this Court by an order dated 25.03.2022, has directed the authorities to conduct surprise inspection and also directed them to lock and seal the shops immediately, if they were found selling banned plastic items including water bottles.

2. It is brought to our notice that pursuant to the said order, surprise checks have been conducted in Ooty and the Revenue authorities have closed certain shops. Considering the fact that the closed shops belongs to petty shopkeepers eking out their livelihood from the meager income from the shops, we are inclined to permit the authorities to remove the lock and seal, after obtaining an undertaking from the shop owners that they will not sell the banned plastic items again. After giving such undertaking, if the shop owners sell the banned plastic items again, it is open to the authorities to lock and seal the shops permanently.



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WEB COPY 3. This order is applicable to Ooty, Kodaikannal, Yercaud and other Hill Stations in Tamil Nadu.

4. Post this matter on 13.04.2022.

II - Removal of invasive plants and exotic species

5. Today, Dr.V.Naganathan, I.F.S. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Chennai appeared before this Court in person and filed a status report regarding removal of invasive plants.

6. Post this matter on 13.04.2022, for passing orders.

(V.B.D.J.) (N.S.K.J.)
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