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To

The ACF I/c, Champua Range  
& all Range Officers, Keonjhar Division.

**Sub: - Plastic free Picnic spot challenge 2025.**

In inviting a reference to the above cited subject, this is to inform you that the State Pollution Control Board has issued a public notice vide no. 17604 dated 30.10.2024 declaring that all picnic spots in Odisha are to be made Plastic Free Zones.

In this context, you are instructed to take necessary measures with your Forester and Forest guards for ensuring that all the picnic spots of your respective ranges remain free from single use plastics.

**Encl: As above**

  
for  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Division.

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No. **2307**

Date. **18-12-2025**

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Regional Officer

To  
The Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar

**Sub: Plastic Free Picnic Spot Challenge 2025.**

**Ref:** Letter no 19308 dtd 28.10.2025 of the Member Secretary SPCB, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

The State Government and the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), Odisha have been making concerted efforts to ensure strict implementation of the prohibition on the use of Single Use Plastics (SUP) in letter and spirit, with the objective of preventing plastic littering and mitigating its adverse environmental impacts.

It has been observed that picnic spots and tourist locations are among the most affected areas due to indiscriminate littering of SUPs, particularly during the winter season when these sites witness heavy footfall from the general public, students, and tourists. Many of these locations fall within ecologically sensitive zones, where plastic pollution not only degrades the natural environment and aesthetics but also adversely impacts wildlife, tourism potential, and associated economic activities.

In this context, the Board has already issued a public notice vide No. 17604 dated 30.10.2024 declaring that all picnic spots in Odisha to be made **Plastic Free Zones**.

As part of the Plastic Free Picnic Spot Challenge 2025, the following picnic spots within Keonjhar district have been identified on a priority basis for focused implementation:

<b>Badaghagara water fall</b>	<b>Khuludi</b>
<b>Sanaghagara water</b>	<b>Kanjhari Dam</b>
<b>Gundichaghaghi water fall</b>	<b>Gadachandi</b>
<b>Khandadhar water Fall</b>	<b>Handibhanga water fall</b>
<b>Bhimkund</b>	<b>Hadagarh Dam</b>

Since most of these picnic spots fall within forest areas, your kind cooperation is crucial for safeguarding wildlife and preserving the natural ecosystem. You are therefore requested to take necessary measures for ensuring that these picnic spots remain free from Single Use Plastics, in coordination with field staff, local bodies and Industrial houses / Mines etc.

Your support in this initiative will greatly contribute to maintaining ecological integrity and promoting responsible tourism in the district.

Yours faithfully

**Regional Officer**