

28th October, 2014

To
Shri. Kunal Kumar,
Commissioner, PMC
Pune.

Subject: Seeking reduction in charges of plastic carry bags

Dear Sir,

It is my pleasure to write to you from Retailers Association of India (RAI).

Retailers Association of India (RAI) is the unified voice of Indian retailers. RAI works with all the stakeholders for creating the right environment for the growth of the modern retail industry in India. It encourages, develops and supports retailers to become modern and adopt best practices that will delight customers.

RAI is the representative body of Retailers in India having over 900 member establishments including large and small retailers in the country and represents over 98000 stores in India. RAI has a three charter aim of Retail Development, Facilitation and Propagation.

We refer to Pune Municipal Corporation's (PMC) notification that retailers are required to charge plastic bags at the rate of Rs. 15/- per bag irrespective of the size. We appreciate PMC's noble objective of reducing the use of plastic in order to go environment friendly. Our members also share the same view and completely abide by the notification by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to charge plastic carry bags.

However, Rs. 15/- per plastic bag is an exorbitant rate and way above Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- per plastic bag as given by other Municipal Corporations. Charging Rs. 15/- per plastic bag will attract resistance from customers and retailers may face a drop in the foot fall. Moreover, it involves many operational and implementation challenges for the retailers as the plastic bag charges change for every Municipal Corporation limit.


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In this regard, we met Shri. Suresh Jagtap, Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management), Pune Municipal Corporation. Shri. Jagtap requested us to express our concern to you.

We, hereby, request you to kindly look into the matter. We would be pleased if you could spare time for a meeting with a retail industry delegation to have a discussion in this regard.

We hope and believe that you will receive our representation favorably and we look forward to an early reply.

Regards,
For Retailers Association of India,



Gautam Jain

Head – Advocacy & Finance

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