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**Plastic Ban poses stakeholder to break, AIPMA fears many more may follow.**

Ever since the Plastic Ban was imposed in Maharashtra, there was a lot of opposition to it from the industry. The imposition of this Ban has resulted in loss of revenue on a large scale. Many manufacturers have been pushed towards bankruptcy overnight and lakhs of individuals have lost their jobs. In between this chaos, loss of life of a Plastic Stakeholder has been reported. AIPMA, who has been leading this fight against the Ban fears that such untoward incidents may follow if the Ban is not revoked in time. After numerous requests to withdraw the ban, AIPMA has finally opted to take legal stand against the Ban.

The court case in Hon. High Court, Mumbai came up for hearing under the Hon. Judge Shri. A.S.Oka and Shri. Riyaz Iqbal Chagla. The court case was to challenge the Plastic Ban Order Notification Dt. 23.03.2018, where petitions filed by various other associations' viz. MPMA and PACE were clubbed together with the petition filed by AIPMA. The Maharashtra Government has asked for time to reply to the above petition. Hence the Hon. High Court has directed them to file their reply by 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 and the matter is to be heard on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 03.00 pm.

All other affected industries and retail chains have sent their support against this ban on Plastic Products. On the other side Banned Plastic product vendors have shut their shops and common man is suffering the most as they are not able to get basic day to day food products like milk (from small dairies), vegetables, fish, groceries, fruits and various other daily food items which were earlier supplied in plastic bags or containers. Retail shops which used to do local packaging have stopped the packaging and are supplying loose which is leading to a contaminated supply.

If the Government maintains its stand, the industry will be left with no other alternative but to resort to mass protest.

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