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## **Bihar Municipal Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Model Bye-laws 2022 | Bihar | 13 Dec 2022**

### **Why In News?**

- On December 12, 2022 **Bihar Municipal Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Model Bye-law, 2022** was approved in a meeting of the Bihar Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Under this, for the first time, the government has made a provision to impose a fine on those who use single-use polythene.

### **Key Points**

- After the cabinet meeting, Additional Chief Secretary of the Cabinet Irrigation Department Dr. S Siddhartha told the press conference that now those using single-use polythene and items made from it will have to pay a fine. The penalty amount has also been fixed on those who manufacture, import, store, distribute and sell it.
- According to the provision, it will also be illegal to organize any sports and gatherings and use single-use polythene in it without informing the local body and making arrangements according to this bye-laws.
- For depositing more than 100 persons, the organizer will have to pay a fine of Rs 1500 for the first time, Rs 2,000 for the second time and Rs 2500 every time thereafter. If there is more than one organizer, all of them will have to pay different fine amounts.
- Additional Chief Secretary said that single-use polythene and items made from it include plastic dandiya of ear buds, plastic dandiya of balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream dandiyas, items made of polystyrene (Pharmocol) for decoration, cups, plates, glasses, cutlery items such as thorns, spoons. These include plastic films wrapped or packaged around sweet cartons, invitation cards and cigarette packets, and plastic or PVC banners with a thickness of less than 100 microns.
- Those using materials like earbuds, flags, candy sticks, plate cups, forks and spoons will be fined Rs 2,000 for the first time, Rs 3,000 for the second time and Rs 5,000 for repeat offences. Similarly, commercial users of these materials will be fined Rs 1500 for the first time, Rs 2500 for the second beer and Rs 3500 for more.
- Apart from this, a fine of Two thousand rupees will be charged for the first time, three thousand rupees for the second time and five thousand rupees every time for the use of multi-layer packaging or plastic seat or cover made of plastic seat or sheet of similar item which is not labeled or marked according to plastic waste management.
- For the first time, a fine of Rs 2,000 will be imposed, Rs 3,000 for the second time and Rs 5,000 per time.
- The fine for littering plastic waste in public places, parks, drains, archaeological sites and other prohibited places will be Rs 1,000 for the first time, Rs 1,500 for the second time and Rs 2,000 every time thereafter.

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**Government Servants will be able to Sit for a Maximum of Five**

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## Why In News?

- In the state cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on December 12, 2022, it was decided that the government servants of the state government will appear in competitive examinations conducted by **Bihar Public Service Commission, Bihar Technical Service Commission and Bihar Staff Selection Commission throughout their service period**. Now you can participate a maximum of **five times**.

## Major points

- After the cabinet meeting, Additional Chief Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat Department, Dr. Siddharth told a press conference that the limit of opportunities has been approved for government servants of the Bihar government under the General Administration Department to appear in competitive examinations.
- According to the cabinet decision, **a maximum of 5 (five) opportunities will be allowed** separately for government servants of Bihar government to appear in the examinations conducted by each commission (**BPSC, BTSC, BSSC**) during their entire service period after coming to service.
- The calculation of the stipulated 5 occasions will commence from the date of issue of the resolution. Opportunities consumed in the past will be neglected.
- Government servants of The Government of Bihar will be allowed to appear in the competitive examination in the maximum age limit prescribed for regular appointment to participate in competitive examinations, but the said age limit will be allowed to appear in the competitive examination within a **period of 5 years only** if they have not consumed a maximum of 5 opportunities till then.
- Earlier, there was a provision for state government servants to appear in competitive examinations for a maximum of three times.