

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**Chandigarh, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017:** In the campaign of making Chandigarh a polythene-free city, in order to keep check on the levels of pollution, a drive was kick started on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 under the directions of SDM(S), **Sh. Arjun Sharma, IAS (P)**.

A team was constituted by the SDM, including Sanitary Department and Police officials. The teams carried out raids in different shops of Village Burail, Chandigarh. The inspection/ checking commenced at 12.00 AM from Krishana Market Sector-41, and proceeded subsequently to Village Butrela, Village Burail & Apni Mandi Sector-43, till 1.30 PM. The polythene/carry bags/ Non-woven materials etc were seized from the various shops and whole sellers. Also a total number of 02 Challans of Rs. 5000/- were issued to the erring shopkeepers.

- 1.) Amount recovered against the Challans – Rs. 10,000/-**
- 2.) Polythene Carry bags seized - 107 kg approximately.**

The polythene so seized was later sent to the dumping ground situated Dadumajra to safely dispose it.

Sh. Arjun Sharma, IAS (P) stated that keeping in view the latest decision of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the Administration is preparing to deal with the menace of the use of polythene with iron hand. Today again, he appealed to the traders as well as general public to discourage the use of polythene/ plastic begs / plastic plates/ glasses and other material made form plastic to make the city cleaner and garbage free.

Sh. Arjun Sharma, IAS (P) also made an appeal to the general public to shift to the safer options like jute/ cloth carry begs and the 100% Biodegradable polythene bags issued by National Green Tribunal (NGT) which are environment friendly as well as bio-degradable.