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## Microplastics getting into food through delivery containers is a problem raised by the Kerala High Court.



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On Thursday, the Kerala High Court voiced grave concerns over the pervasive usage of plastic food delivery containers, emphasizing the danger of ingesting microplastic and its possible connection to an increase in health problems. [**State of Kerala & Ors v. Prasanna EV**]

The Additional Director General of Prosecution was instructed by Justice **Devan Ramachandran** to investigate and assess the consequences of the practice of delivering food in plastic containers.

*"This food delivery is the lifeblood of young children. It's important to realize that microplastics are getting into your body, especially when heated items are packaged in plastic containers. This results in the intake of microplastics. How are we responding to it? I want to know if these plastic delivery containers are good as a concerned citizen, or more specifically, as a worried father. The judge made an oral statement.*

This directive was issued during the hearing of a food safety petition in which the Court noted the growing use of meal delivery services, especially by younger people.

The judge pointed out that such consumption may be causing cancer and harm to organs such as the liver, lungs, colon, and intestines, among other major health issues.

Given these worries, the judge instructed the state to investigate the matter and provide the Court with relevant recommendations, noting that current regulatory procedures might not completely comprehend or adequately handle the possible health effects of such actions.

*"I document that this Court has recommended that the learned senior government pleader Mary Meera Joseph, the learned extra director general of prosecution, investigate the matter of the apparent widespread use of plastics for food delivery in the present day. The Court further stated, "The matter will be resolved and reported to this court by the next posting date, as promised by learned senior counsel Gracious Kuriakose.*

The State was represented by Advocate Mary Meera Joseph and Senior Advocate Gracious Kuriakose.