

## **Important information regarding Registration renewal with local government authorities and Bio Medical Waste Management in Dental Clinics**

It is the duty of the owner of every dental clinic to see that Bio Medical Waste is Handled, Segregated and Disposed of conforming to the Bio Medical Waste Management Rules 1998. It is mandatory for all dental clinics to join with IMA Image. As of now authorisation need not be obtained from the PCB for clinics which cater to less than 1000 patients per month.

The present confusion has arisen after an order from the LSG ( Local Self Government Department ) and subsequently by the PCB was issued to all local bodies stipulating them to enforce authorizations during registration of Dental clinics every year. IDA had challenged the order in the High court of Kerala. We have obtained a favourable verdict from the Hon'ble High court of Kerala which can be downloaded.

Members if insisted by the local authorities may obtain a printout of the same and furnish it to the concerned health officers ( Corporation or Panchayat ). The specific orders issued to the local authorities have been cited in the last page of the Judgement order.

Details of the relevant orders :

1. *Judgment from the High court of Kerala (W.P.(C) No 24682 of 2012 dated 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012*
2. *GO from the Local Self Government Department : 47724/DCI/2011/LSGD dated 9-12-2011.*
3. *Circular from the Pollution control board : PCB/T\$115/97 dated 2/3/2012*