

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, CHANDIGARH

No. DM/MA/2017/ 34389

Dated: 26/12/17

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr.P.C.

Whereas, the Chandigarh Administration has earmarked the Rally Ground, Sector 25, Chandigarh for taking out processions, rallies, dharnas, etc. and no permission has been granted by the Chandigarh Administration to organize processions, rallies, dharnas, etc. elsewhere in the city other than the designated location, i.e., Rally Ground, Sector 25, Chandigarh and the same has been done to avoid traffic congestion, keeping in view of the convenience of the general public.

Whereas, it has been to appear to me that certain groups of people plans to organize processions, rallies, dharnas, etc., and resort to other agitation methods in the city other than the earmarked/designated place i.e. Rally Ground, Sec 25, Chandigarh and whereas, there is an apprehension that such groups/organizations/unions may cause obstruction, annoyance or injury to the persons lawfully employed or other general public and endanger human life and property, disturb public peace and tranquility and cause riots and affrays.

And therefore I, Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, am of the opinion that taking out procession, rally, protest, strike, making speeches, raising slogans, gathering/assembly of 5 or more people etc. within the territory of U.T., Chandigarh other than Rally Ground, Sec 25, Chandigarh, would cause obstruction, annoyance or injury to persons lawfully employed or other general public, disturb public peace and tranquility and cause riots and affrays and that immediate action is necessary for the prevention of the same.

Now therefore, I, Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, in exercise of the power vested u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., do hereby order that as a measure of emergency, the public in general or any member thereof is prohibited from taking out procession, rally, protest, strike, making speeches, raising slogans, gathering/assembly of 5 or more people etc. within the territory of U.T., Chandigarh other than Rally Ground, Sec 25, Chandigarh, for a period of 60 days.

Further, prior permission for organizing procession, rally, protest, strike, making speeches, raising slogans, gathering/assembly of 5 or more people etc. at Rally Ground, Sector 25, Chandigarh must be obtained from the Competent Authority, i.e., the District Magistrate/concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh.

Provided that the above order shall not apply to:

- (I) The police or Para-military or military persons or any other Government servant on official duties;
- (II) The processions or meetings for which prior permission in writing of the District Magistrate/concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chandigarh, has been obtained;
- (III) The customary and ritualistic procession in connection with weddings and funerals.

This order shall come into force **from zero hours on 27.12.2017** and shall be effective for a period of sixty days **up to and including 24.02.2018**.

In view of the emergent nature of the order, it is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general.

This order shall be promulgated by affixing copies thereof at the Notice Boards of the Office of the District Magistrate, Chandigarh and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the area.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 22/12/17.


AJIT BALAJI JOSHI, I.A.S.,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CHANDIGARH.