

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Section 144 Cr. P.C. Imposed

Chandigarh, 03rd February, 2017: In pursuance of the order dated: 14.12.2015 issued by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, in the matter of Khalid Ashraf & Anr. Vs. U.O.I. & Ors (O.A. No. 384 of 2016) AND P.E.T.A., India Vs. U.O.I. & Ors. (O.A. No. 422 of 2016), it has been made to appear to the district magistrate that a large number of people flying kite, use synthetic/cylon-glass coated thread popularly known as Pakha thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjh/Dori. These Maanjhas/Dori, being made of synthetic material are non-biodegradable and thus cause serious injuries to human beings, birds and are equally disadvantageous & harmful to the wildlife/environment. In some case, it had also caused death of humans and birds.

Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigah, is of the opinion that use of above said synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as pakka Thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori needs to be regulated in the larger public interest and immediate necessary action is necessary to be taken to prevent serious injury or death to human beings & birds along with harm to wildlife & environment, due to above said Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori.

Sh. Ajit Balaj Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigah, in exercise of the power vested u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., as a measure of emergency and to prevent serious injury or death to human beings & birds and to prevent harm to wildlife & environment, do hereby order that procuring, stocking, sale and use of synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as pakka thread/Dori and

Chinese Maanjha/Dori along with other threads coated with glass and/or such other harmful substances for kite flying, within the Jurisdiction of U.T. of Chandigarh, for a period of 60 days. This order shall come into force from zero hours on 02.02.2017 and shall be effective for a period of sixty days up to and including 02.04.2017.