

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**Section 144 Cr. P.C. Imposed**

**Chandigarh, 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2017:** It has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh that commercial establishment/shopkeepers engaged in the business of Restaurants/Dhabas, Discos, Clubs and Vendors sitting by the road sides and on the public places operating till late in the night are causing annoyance and are disturbing the public peace and tranquility leading to a harmful influence on public order.

Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh is of the opinion that in public interest such commercial operations should not be carried on till very late in the night and so order that running of commercial establishments/shops etc. in trades/services such as running of Restaurants/Dhabas, Discos, Clubs and hawking goods by the road sides and on the public places between midnight to 04.30 A.M. in the Union Territory, Chandigarh is prohibited for a period of 60 days. Sale & service of liquor will however be governed by the Excise Law.

Provided that this order shall not apply to hospitals, chemist shops and Petrol pumps. This order shall come into force with effect **from zero hours on 10.03.2017** and shall be effective for a period of sixty days **up to and including 08.05.2017**.