

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**Section 144 Cr. P.C. imposed**

**Chandigarh, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017:** 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. However it has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, Chandigarh that certain group of people plan 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.

In view of the same Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, Chandigarh, is 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.

Therefore Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, Chandigarh, in exercise of the power vested u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., has hereby ordered 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 20.06.2017 and shall be effective for a period of sixty days up to and including 18.08.2017.