

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Order under Section 144 Cr.P.C.

Chandigarh, 23rd August, 2017: It has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh by the suggestions/inputs received from the Police authorities that there is an apprehension that anti-social elements may make their temporary hideouts clandestinely in Hotels/ Restaurants/ Sarais/ Guest Houses, etc. in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and there is every possibility that the unlawful activities of these people can cause breach of peace and disturbance of public tranquility besides posing grave danger to human life & safety and damage to public property.

Being the District Magistrate, Chandigarh Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., is of the opinion that for the purpose of preventing the type of terrorist acts, breach of peace, disturbance of public tranquility and damage to public property, it is necessary to proceed under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 for issuing directions to all the owners/managers/care-takers, etc. of Hotels/Restaurants/Guest Houses/Sarais, etc. in Chandigarh to obtain I.D. proof from the visitors/customers/guests who stay in their Hotel/Restaurant/Guest House/Sarai, etc., in the interest of safety and security of general public in the U.T., Chandigarh.

Therefore, the District Magistrate, Chandigarh in exercise of the powers vested with him under section 144 Cr.P.C., hereby directs the owners/managers/care-takers, etc. of the Hotels/Restaurants/Guest Houses/Sarais, etc. in Chandigarh to strictly comply with the following:

1. Prohibit the stay in their premises of unknown person whose identity has not been established.
2. Maintain a register for identity of the visitors/customers/guests.
3. Make an entry in the handwriting of the visitor/customer/guest, mentioning his/her name, address, telephone number and identity proof along with his/her signature in the register.
4. The identity of the visitor shall be established through Aadhar Card, Identity Card, Voter Card, Ration Card, Driving License, Passport and photo Credit Card.

This order shall come into force with effect from zero hour on 23.08.2017 and shall be effective for a period of 60 days up-to and including 21.10.2017.
