

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Order under Section 144 Cr. P.C.

Chandigarh, 24th August, 2017: It has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh that because of possibility of law & order problem, security threats and possibility of misuse of weapons by anti-social elements and others can create panic in the public, and as such there is every apprehension of breach of peace and disturbance of public tranquility besides danger to human life and safety by the display of weapons due to Court appearance of Saint Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh.

Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, is of the opinion that carrying of all kind of licensed and un-licensed fire arms, lethal weapons, lathies, spears & javelins, trishuls, swords, short swords, knuckles, knives & daggers, iron rods, etc. and other objects which can be used as a weapon like baseball bats, Hockey Sticks, etc., within the Union Territory, Chandigarh in connection with the aforesaid matter would cause obstruction, annoyance or injury to persons lawfully employed, disturb public peace and tranquility and cause riots and affrays and that immediate action is necessary for the prevention of the same.

Therefore, the District Magistrate, Chandigarh, hereby, prohibits as measure of emergency, the public generally or any member thereof from carrying of all kind of licensed and un-licensed fire arms, lethal weapons, lathies, spears & javelins, trishuls, swords, short swords, knuckles, knives & daggers, iron rods, etc. and other objects which can be used as a weapon like baseball bats, Hockey Sticks, etc., within the limits of Union Territory of Chandigarh for a period of 04 days.

Provided that the above order shall not apply to:

1. Police or military or para-military personnel and other Govt. servants if called upon to carry fire arms in connection with their duties, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. That the exemption is applicable in relation to the above said personnel only when they are on official duty.

c. That the above personnel shall carry their identity cards and authorization cards authorizing them to carry the fire arms in connection with their official duties, issued by the Competent Authority.

This order shall come into force **with immediate effect on 24.08.2017** and shall be effective **up to and including 27.08.2017**.