

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

Order under Section 144 Cr. P.C.

Chandigarh, 24th August, 2017: In pursuance of the order dated: 14.12.2016 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. 442 of 2016), it has been made to appear to me that a large number of people flying the kites, use synthetic/nylon-glass coated thread popularly known as Pakka thread/Dori and Chinese Maanjha/Dori. These Maanjhas/Doris, 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 cases, it had also caused death of humans and birds.

Therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh, 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.

Therefore, the District Magistrate, Chandigarh, in exercise of the power vested with him 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, hereby orders 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 03.09.2017** and shall be effective for a period of sixty days **up to and including 01.11.2017.**