

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr.P.C.**

**Chandigarh, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017:** It has been made to appear to the District Magistrate, Chandigarh that during the festival period, noise pollution caused by bursting/usage of fire crackers and Chinese/imported crackers is likely to create annoyance and cause injury to the health of members of public and that there is a need to prevent the same by restricting the bursting/usage of fire crackers and sale of Chinese/imported crackers.

Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary to put restrictions on bursting/usage of fire crackers and sale of Chinese/imported crackers in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh do hereby prohibit, within the U.T. of Chandigarh:

(i) Bursting/usage of fireworks or fire crackers between 10:00 P.M. to 06:00 A.M.

(ii) Bursting/usage of fireworks or fire crackers in the areas notified as silence zone by the Department of Environment, Chandigarh vide its notification no. ED-2005/890, dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2005, which comprise of:

a) Sector-1 (Capitol Complex including Rajendra Park and Chandigarh Club), Sector-12, Sector-14 (Panjab University), the entire area around the Lake up-to 100 meters from the high water mark, and the entire area North East of Uttar Marg including Rock Garden & Lake Club.

b) An area of 100 meters around Hospitals, Education institutions, Courts and Religious places.

(iii) The manufacture, sale or use of firecrackers generating noise level exceeding 125 dB (AI) or 145 dB (C) pk at 4 meters distance from the point of bursting & for individual fire cracker constituting the series, the said limit reduced by  $5 \log_{10} (N)$  dB, where N= number of crackers joined together.

Also, every manufacturer shall on the box of each firecracker, mention details of its chemical contents and that it satisfies the requirement as laid down by the Department of Explosive. This order shall come into force from zero hours on 26.09.2017 and shall be effective up-to and including 09.11.2017.