

**Department of Public Relations
Chandigarh Administration**

Press Release-1

Order under section 144 Cr.P.C

Chandigarh, 9th March 2018:Whereas it has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh that a large number of commercial places/shops have come up in Chandigarh popularly known as Cyber Cafes and a large number of people visit these places to use the facilities available there including e-mail facilities. And, that certain anti-social elements, criminals and terrorists may use these facilities to mislead the security/investigation agencies, create panic in the public, endanger the security of general public, VIPs and government institutions, and help the terrorist activities directly affecting the security of the State.

And whereas, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh, is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary to take speedy recourse to prevent danger to human lives from any terrorist act which may affect the security of the State and disturb the public peace and tranquillity.

Now therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh in exercise of the powers vested with me under section 144 Cr.P.C., hereby direct the owners of the Cyber Cafes to strictly comply with the following:

- (i) prohibiting the use of Cyber Cafes by unknown person whose identity has not been established by the owner of the café;
- (ii) maintaining a register for identity of the visitor/user;
- (iii) make an entry in the handwriting of the visitor/user mentioning name, address, telephone number and identity proof. The visitor/user shall also sign the register kept for this purpose;
- (iv) the identity of the visitor/user shall be established through identity card, voter card, ration card, driving licence, passport and photo credit card;
- (v) activity server log should be preserved in main server and its record should be preserved for at least six months;
- (vi) if any activity of the visitor is of a suspicious nature, the owner of the Cyber Cafe will inform the police station;
- (vii) record be maintained about the specific computer used by the person.

This order shall come into force **from zero hours on 09.03.2018** and shall be effective for a period of sixty days **up to and including 07.05.2018.**

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Press Release-2

Order under section 144 Cr.P.C

Chandigarh, 9th March 2018: WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh that there is mushrooming of BPOs, prominently known as Call Centres, Corporate Houses, Media Houses, Companies, Organizations and firms in Chandigarh and near-by areas, offering employment opportunity to youth. The employees including women from various parts of the neighbouring states are staying in different parts of city and other adjoining cities/villages. Their employers are providing cab services for the purpose of picking and dropping them from their places of stay to office and back. As these organizations are functioning round the clock, the cabs are ferrying employees even at late night hours. These cabs are hired on contract and their operators and drivers are not properly monitored to ensure safe & secure transportation of employees, resulting in grave danger to human life, safety & security of employees, especially women employees. It has come to notice that certain criminal and anti-social elements look for soft targets, particularly during odd hours. The women employees who travel during late night hours are vulnerable to crime and criminal acts by such elements.

AND Whereas, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh is of the opinion that some check is necessary on such companies/organizations/employers providing pick & drop facility to their employees in late night hours, transporters, security agencies/guards & drivers so as to ensure the security & safety of employees, especially women employees working till late hours.

Now therefore, Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh in exercise of the powers vested with me under section 144 Cr. P.C. direct that all such organizations like BPOs, Call Centres, Corporate Houses, Media Houses, companies, firms & other similar entities, having the facility of pick & drop for their employees and the transporters, security agencies, drivers & security guards attached/concerned with them, in the jurisdiction of Chandigarh, shall:

1. Maintain a data of all employees, security personnel, cab drivers & contractual workers working with them, for access by the Police as and when required.
2. Hire security personnel & other contractual personnel as far as possible from licensed agencies only.
3. Ensure verification of antecedents of all their employees including contractual employees.
4. Ensure that women employees are not made to travel alone with the cab driver and a duly verified security guard or a male colleague is deployed in each cab carrying women staff during night hours, i.e., 08.00 P.M. to 07.00 A.M.
5. Choose the route in such manner that as far as possible a woman employee is not the first one to be picked up or the last to be dropped.

6. Ensure that during night hours, the cab involved in transportation of women employees pick-up and drop such employee right in their house and remain halted at the point where the women employee is dropped till she confirms her arrival at their residence/place of stay through a telephone call.
7. Ensure that whenever the house of a woman employee is so located that the approach road is not motor-able, the duly verified security guard or the male colleague, during night hour, accompanies the employee on foot up to her house & takes a confirmation about her safe arrival.
8. Exercise effective check & control on the vehicles movement in order to check any unwarranted activities of the cab drivers, such as picking up strangers, straying away from the designated route, etc.
9. Get GPS system installed in the cabs used in transportation of such employees, especially women employees.

This order shall come into force with effect **from zero hours on 09.03.2018** and shall be effective **up to and including 07.05.2018.**