



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,  
U.T., CHANDIGARH

No.DM/MA/2017/ 33841

Dated: 18/12/17

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr. P.C.

Whereas, the Government of India has implemented Good & Service Tax (GST) w.e.f. 1/07/2017 and has further amended the GST rates on various commodities through various notifications, from time to time.

Whereas, it has brought to my notice by the Department of Food & Supplies and Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology that the suppliers (earlier known as sellers) are not passing on the benefit of reduction of taxes, to the consumers within the jurisdiction of Chandigarh. It is pertinent to mention that the GST Council, in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Guwahati (Assam) in order to ensure the reduction of prices, recommended the reduction of taxes on more than 170 items. Subsequently to give effect to the recommendation of the council, notifications were issued giving list of items on which taxes has been reduced.

The reduction in the rates of taxes has been implemented with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and as such the prices of listed goods should have been brought down, but it has not happened. The denial of the benefits of reduction of tax means that the unjustified costs are being imposed on the consumers which is clearly a restricted/unfair trade practice and covered under section 2(nnn) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

And whereas, I, Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh, am of the opinion that the non-reduction of prices as per notifications is without any sanction of law and is a restrictive/unfair trade practice and this practice must be discontinued in the public interest.

Now, therefore, I Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh, in exercising of the powers conferred under the section 144 of the Cr.P.C, prohibit the supply (sale) of notified commodities without passing the benefits of reduced taxes to the consumers within the jurisdiction of U.T. Chandigarh

This order shall come into force at zero hour on 16/12/2017 and shall be effective for a period of 60 days upto and including 13/02/2018.

This order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. This order shall be promulgated by announcement through publicity vans and by affixing copies thereof at the notice board of the court of the District Magistrate as well as the District Courts, Chandigarh.

Given under my hand and seal on 12/12/2017

  
AJIT BALAJI JOSHI, IAS  
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
U.T., CHANDIGARH.