

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

No. DM/MA/2024/ 6066

Dated: 16/3/24

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr. P.C.

Whereas, it has been made to appear to me that there is possibility of law and order violation, security threats and misuse of arms weapons by anti social elements and others, which can create public nuisance and as such there is very high apprehension of breach of peace and disturbance of public tranquility besides danger to human lives and safety by the display of weapons during the General Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

And whereas, in view of the instructions/guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India, New Delhi vide No.464/INST/EPS/2023/L&O dated 08.06.2023, am of the opinion that carrying or possessing of all kind of fire arms and ammunition within the Union Territory, Chandigarh may cause obstruction, annoyance to persons lawfully employed or may disturb public peace and tranquility and may also cause riots and affray and that immediate action is necessary for the prevention of the same.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers vested with me under section 144 Cr.P.C. I, Vinay Pratap Singh, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Chandigarh do, hereby, prohibit as measure of emergency, the license holders from carrying of all kinds of fire arms and ammunitions within the limits of U.T., Chandigarh and also direct to all the arms license holders within the U.T., Chandigarh to deposit their arms and ammunitions to the nearest Police Stations, immediately.

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 police/military/para-military personnel shall be in their service uniform.
 - b. That the exemption is applicable in relation to the above said personnel only when they are on official duty.
2. Fire arms and ammunitions exempted by the Election Commission of India or all the license holders exempted by the Screening Committee constituted as per instructions No.464/INST/2023/L&O dated 08.06.2023 of the Election Commission of India. Any person not wanting to deposit a weapon would be free to represent to the Screening Committee.

This order shall come into force **from zero hours on 16.03.2024** and shall be effective for a period of 60 days **up-to and including 14.05.2024**.

In view of the emergent nature of this order, it is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. Any breach of this order shall invite action under section 188 of the I.P.C.

This order shall be promulgated by affixing copy thereof on the notice board of the office of the under-signed as well as the District Courts, Chandigarh and by publication in local newspapers through the office of the D.P.R., Chandigarh.

Given under my hand and seal on 16/3/24


VINAY PRATAP SINGH, I.A.S.,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CHANDIGARH.