

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

Present: G. RAGESH CHANDRA
District Magistrate, PUDUCHERRY

M.C.No. 43 Dated 09.05.2011

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr.P.C., 1973



OFFICE OF THE
SUPERVISOR (NORTH)
No. 233/10/11
Dated 09.05.11 Time.....

Sub: DM, Puducherry - General Elections to Puducherry Legislative Assembly
2011 - Counting of Votes - Restrictions on possession of arms during elections -
Prohibitory orders u/s 144 of the Cr.P.C., 1973 - Orders - Issued - Reg.

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of India has announced, on 01.03.2011, that election for the Puducherry Legislative Assembly will be held on 13.04.2011 and with the announcement of the Election schedule, the Model Code of Conduct came into force with immediate effect;

AND WHEREAS in order to ensure free and fair election and in accordance with the instructions of the Election Commission of India, possession and carrying of fire arms of any kind, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis, stones and other weapons by the general public in the District of Puducherry had been prohibited vide order in MC No. 3/2011 dated 02.03.2011;

AND WHEREAS the counting of votes is scheduled to be held on 13.05.2011, it appears to me that carrying of fire arms, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the public during the counting period, is likely to lead to breach of peace and threat to peaceful conduct of counting of votes in the District of Puducherry comprising of Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam regions or part thereof;

AND WHEREAS in my opinion, there is sufficient ground to proceed under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, to prohibit the action mentioned in para (3) supra, which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility;

NOW THEREFORE, I, G. Ragesh Chandra, District Magistrate, Puducherry, do hereby prohibit possession and carrying of fire arms of any kind, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis, stones and other weapons by the general public in the District of Puducherry for a period of ten days with effect from 09.05.2011 to 18.05.2011.

This ban shall not be applicable to those communities, who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage and also to those Nationalized/Private Banks, where arms are necessary to safeguard cash chest

Dated 9th day of May 2011



(G. RAGESH CHANDRA)
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To
The Director of Stationery & Printing, Puducherry
- for publishing the order in an extra - ordinary issue of State Gazette immediately.

SAHS & CS for strict compliance.

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9.5.2011

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Inspector of Police
GRAND BAZAAR CIRCLE
PUDUCHERRY