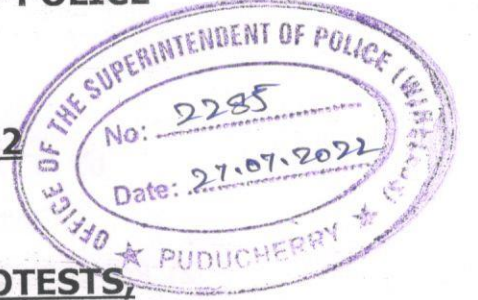


**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
PUDUCHERRY**

STANDING ORDER No. 02/2022

DATED : 16th OF JULY 2022



**"GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING PROTESTS,
DEMONSTRATIONS, PROCESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, ETC.,
IN AND AROUND THE BOULEVARD & HERITAGE TOWN AREAS
OF PUDUCHERRY"**

The boulevard and its adjacent heritage town areas are the important tourist places in Puducherry, in which High Security Zones with the vital installations, viz., Rajnivas, Legislative Assembly, Chief Secretariat, Police Headquarters and Govt. General Hospital, etc., are situated. However, many protests & agitations are conducted by various political parties, associations and other organizations in heritage town area using loudspeakers, which causes disturbance to the smooth functioning of the above mentioned offices and also hampers free flow of traffic; besides causes noise pollution, which adversely affects the health of the patients, especially senior citizens and children and the citizenry of the area at large.

Hence, it is imperative to issue necessary Guidelines to regulate protests, demonstrations, processions, etc., in the boulevard and heritage town areas. As such, the following Guidelines are issued, which shall be followed in letter and spirit.

a) **Identification of Places:**

The following places have been identified in East Sub-Division for conducting protests, agitations, demonstrations and public meetings, etc., and the route mentioned hereunder (as per the enclosed Route Map) will henceforth be adopted for conducting processions / rallies in Puducherry, considering the principle of minimum disturbance to the residents, traffic and adequate space for the protestors for demonstrations in a regulated manner and to ensure that traffic is not stopped in the boulevard area. Further, no gates of Offices or Residences are blocked or no arterial roads are affected.

1) **Places identified in East Sub-Division for conducting protests, agitations, demonstrations and public meetings, etc.:**

a) Near Swadeshi Cotton Mill, Orleanpet.

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b) AFT Ground (on payment basis from the Education Department, Govt. of Puducherry).

2) Route for the processions / rallies from Swadeshi Cotton Mill to the junction of Saint Ange Street & Ambour Salai :

Swadeshi Cotton Mill, Orleanpet – M.M. Adigal Salai – Anna Square
– Anna Salai – Raja Theatre Junction – J.N. Street – Mission Street
– Saint Ange Street – Junction of Saint Ange Street and Ambour Salai.

b) **Permission from Competent Authority:**

Such public meetings, demonstrations, etc., at the above mentioned places, shall not be allowed without written permissions from the concerned jurisdictional Police authority. In compliance thereof, the following shall be ensured:

- (i) Application, addressed to SP/East for grant of permission for all protests, demonstrations and public meetings, etc., shall be submitted at the Office of SP/East atleast 7 days in advance excluding the day of the event. The applications, which are submitted less than 7 days before the event, may also be considered depending on the availability of the place and subject to the condition that sufficient time is available for making necessary law and order arrangements.
- (ii) Permission shall be granted on 'First – cum – First – Serve' basis and shall be subject to the assessment of Special Branch, Traffic Police and the Local Police Stations.
- (iii) A calendar with the details of date, time, place and organizer of the protest / demonstration / public meeting, etc., shall be maintained at the Office of SP/East; so that, no overlapping of the event will occur.
- (iv) SP/East shall examine the request and take a decision as to whether the proposed demonstration, dharna, public meeting, etc., shall be allowed or not, keeping in view its likely effect, viz., whether it would cause any obstruction to traffic or danger to human safety or disturbance to public tranquility, etc. The request will be considered and then allowed or rejected keeping in view the aforesaid considerations.

- (v) No permission shall be **granted** during Assembly Sessions, VVIP / VIP movements, Republic day / **Independence Day Celebrations**, important Government functions, festival **days** and New Year Celebrations, etc.
- (vi) SP/East shall have the **authority** to revoke the permission in case of unforeseen and sudden developments, such as, VIP Security requirements or any other intelligence inputs and the reasons for revocation shall be duly recorded and conveyed to the organizer(s).
- (vii) The decision of SP/East shall be final and binding on the organizer(s) on all matters concerning the protests or demonstrations.

c) **Vehicle entry and parking for protestors :**

The following conditions shall apply as regards the vehicles and parking for the protestors at the places of protest, demonstration, public meeting, etc. :

- (i) Parking of vehicles shall be allowed in consultation with the traffic police.
- (ii) No tractors, trolleys, bullock-carts, cycle-rickshaws or hand-driven carts shall be allowed.
- (iii) No animals like horses, elephants, camels, cattle, etc., would be allowed in a rally or protests, agitations, etc.

d) **Restricting total number of protestors :**

- (i) The total number of protestors at the place (near Swadeshi Cotton Mill) of agitation, demonstration, etc., shall not exceed 200. Beyond this threshold, the agitators shall be shifted to AFT ground and special permission shall be obtained from SP/East.
- (ii) Multiple protests in a day may be allowed subject to availability of suitable timings.
- (iii) Any organizer(s) bringing in protestors in numbers in excess to those stated in the Undertaking, shall be seen as a deliberate attempt to violate the orders. Such organizer(s) and their protests will be videographed and their non-compliance as non-cooperation shall be considered not only for legal action as deemed appropriate, but will also be kept on record to consider while giving permission to them for their future protests.

e) **No march towards and from the identified spot of the place of agitation :**

- (i) No march towards and from the identified spot of the place of agitation, shall be allowed. The organizer(s) shall ensure that the protestors or demonstrators congregate as well as disperse peacefully from the identified spot only.
- (ii) The protestors during processions / rallies shall be stopped at the junction of Saint Ange Street & Ambour Salai and they shall be dispersed peacefully. Further, they have to disperse after reaching the stopping point at the above Junction and it should not be made a protest site in any situation. At any cost, they should not be allowed to enter the heritage town area / High security zone, in order to prevent them from gaining access into the vital installations, viz., Rajnivas, Legislative Assembly, Chief Secretariat, Police Headquarters and Govt. General Hospital, etc.
- (iii) The protestors shall move from the parking area to the identified protest place and back in an orderly manner under the supervision of the local Police.
- (iv) If any representation is to be given to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor or the Hon'ble Chief Minister or his Cabinet Colleagues or the Chief Secretary or the Director General of Police, the organizer(s) shall be assisted / accompanied by the local Police. Only 10 to 15 leaders of the concerned political / non-political parties shall be allowed to handover the representation along with the SHO/Grand Bazaar PS.

f) **Use of Loudspeakers :**

- (i) No Loudspeaker or Public Address System shall be used at the venue of the rally, dharna, demonstration, public meeting, etc., without specific permission from SP/East.
- (ii) In case permission is granted, by the competent authority, the loudspeakers shall be used only between 10.00 AM and 06.00 PM (except for public meeting and other events) as per the Undertaking obtained before the competent authority, within the permitted decibel as per the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2020, framed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- (iii) Further, the Guidelines regarding use of loudspeaker, especially its permitted decibel near educational Institutions and places of worship, shall be strictly followed. As per the above Rules, in industrial areas, the permissible limit is 75 dB for daytime & 70 dB at night. In commercial areas, it is 65 dB & 55 dB, while in residential areas, it is 55 dB & 45 dB during daytime & night respectively. The permissible noise limit in the areas that lie within 100 meters of the premises of schools, colleges, hospitals and courts is 50 dB during day and 40 dB during night.
- (iv) No vehicles, mounted with PA System for addressing the protestors, shall be permitted at the place of protest.
- (v) The violators shall be prosecuted under the provisions of 'The Puducherry Sound Amplifier and Loudspeaker Licensing Rules 1967'.

g) **Restrictions for pitching tents or temporary structures :**

The protestors shall not be allowed to pitch tents or temporary structures at the places of protest even for a temporary period.

h) **Time restriction :**

The protest shall be organized between 10.00 AM and 06.00 PM only. The timing for conducting Public Meetings, shall be decided by SP/East, according to the situation.

i) **Prohibitions :**

The following activities shall be strictly prohibited during any protest, dharna, procession, etc. :

- (i) The participants shall not carry lathis, fire arms, spears, swords or any other articles, which can be used as a weapon of offence.
- (ii) The participants may carry flags and banners with sticks, but purely for display purposes. It should, however, be ensured by the organizer(s) that the dimension of flags or banners shall not be greater than 9 ft. X 6 ft. and no stick used in the banners or flags shall be more than 2 ft. in length.
- (iii) No participants shall make any provocative speech or use any language likely to inflame passions of the crowd or incite them or promote enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place or birth, residence, language, etc., or act in any manner which is prejudicial to the

maintenance of harmony between such groups or may disturb public tranquility.

- (iv) No participants shall act in any manner which may result in damage to public property, assault on Government Servant, arson, etc.
- (v) No burning of any documents, books and effigy, cooking, littering, throwing of placards, banners and plastic waste be permitted as it will be in violation of the Judgment of the Hon'ble NGT and the Hon'ble Apex Court.

j) **Responsibility of the Organizer(s) :**

The organizer(s) shall :

- (i) Abide by all the guidelines, directions, orders and the extant laws.
- (ii) Work in co-ordination with the public authority and
- (iii) Cooperate with the authorities under all circumstances,
- (iv) Sign an Undertaking as given in the 'Annexure' that he or she and his or her supporters shall follow all the Do's and Don'ts mentioned in this Standing Order in letter and spirit, failing which he or she along with other protestors may be prosecuted under the law.

k) **Post – Event measures :**

After the event, all concerned Government agencies shall ensure the following measures :

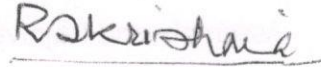
- (i) Undertake cleaning work and restore normalcy not later than 12 hours after the event.
- (ii) The concerned Govt., agency shall recover compensation towards damage to environment or properties, if any, from the organizer(s) as per the conditions of permission.
- (iii) Ensure that no violation of law & order as also of norms for protection of environment has taken place.
- (iv) In case of any violation as above, necessary legal action will be initiated.
- (v) Non-compliance or deviation of the Orders / Guidelines shall invite appropriate legal proceedings as per the law, and whenever and wherever required apprehension of the violators by the concerned local Police.

l) **Police arrangements to meet out any contingency during the protest, agitation, demonstration, etc. in the heritage town area :**

- (i) SP/East along with the striking reserve party, SHO/PS Odiansalai, SHO/PS Orleanpet & their respective local Police force and Crime team of East Sub-Division shall manage the protestors from entering the heritage town area/ High Security Zone by erecting double barricades at the junction of Saint Ange Street and Ambour Salai.
- (ii) SP/SIGMA (Security) along with SHO/PS Grand Bazaar & CI/Muthialpet shall take over the Assembly & Rajnivas arrangements respectively, utilizing the force available in PS Grand Bazaar, SIGMA (Security) and STF. Proper barricading arrangements shall be ensured around the premises of both Assembly and Rajnivas.
- (iii) SHO/PS Muthialpet along with the local Police strength of Muthialpet Circle shall cordon the Chief Secretariat.
- (iv) **Plain Clothes arrangements** : SP/Special Branch shall sensitize his men to collect advance information / intelligence and disseminate the same to the field formation in time; so that, any law and order outbreak could be prevented.
- (v) **Temporary Jail** : As soon as information is received from SP/East regarding the situation, SP/PTS shall make arrangements for keeping the arrestees at the Police Community Hall, Gorimedu, as a Temporary Jail, for which an Armed Guard shall be posted by Commandant/PAP.
- (vi) **Provision of Heavy Vehicle for arrest purpose** : SP/MT shall spare a Heavy Vehicle daily between 1000 hours and 1700 hours during the weekdays to report to SP/East, to be stationed near Bharathi Park, exclusively for transportation of the arrestees.
- (vii) **Police Photographer and Videographer** : SP/CID shall depute the Police Photographer and Videographer to report to SP/East immediately on receipt of the information. They will comprehensively cover all the activities of the demonstration and response of the Police in managing the crowd.

(viii) **Anti-riot gear equipment** : SP/East shall keep sufficient number of Anti-riot gear equipment in his / her office to meet out any exigency. Similarly, Commandant/PAP shall depute a section of Gas party to report to SP/East as soon as he receives the information from SP/East.

(ix) **Striking Reserves** : SP/North and SP/West along with their available Police force shall be in readiness in their respective offices to meet out any law and order situation. However, SP/East shall inform the above officers in advance for their preparation.



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Encl:

1. Route map for the procession.
2. Undertaking by the Organizer(s).

Distribution :

All concerned

Copy to :

1. The Addl. Director General of Police, Puducherry.
2. The Inspector General of Police, Puducherry.
3. The Special Secretary to Govt., Home Dept., Puducherry.
4. The Secretary to Govt. (Works), Puducherry.
5. The Secretary to Govt. (LAD), Puducherry.
6. The Senior Superintendents of Police (L&O)/(HQ)/(C&I)/ (Traffic), Puducherry

ANNEXURE**UNDERTAKING BY THE ORGANIZER**

Date of Programme	:	_____
Venue of Dharna/Demonstration/Public Meeting	:	_____
Time w.e.f. _____ Hours to _____ Hours		
No. of Participants	:	_____
No. of Volunteers	:	_____

I, _____ (Name & Designation of the Organizer) of the _____ (Name of the Organization) do hereby undertake that I have been authorized by the organization as representative to organize the dharna / demonstration to be held on _____. I undertake that I shall abide by the following terms & conditions for conducting the above programme :-

1. The "No Objection Certificate" from the land owning authority with regard to holding dharna / meeting etc., and the copy of the same is enclosed herewith.
2. I shall carry the permission granted in original to be shown to any police officer on duty on demand.
3. I shall depute a responsible person with whom the police can liaise. _____ (Name, designation and telephone number of the liaison person deputed by the organizer).
4. I shall make adequate arrangements for drinking water (by providing tankers) and First Aid / Medical Aid in concurrence with the civic/local bodies at the site and also during the dharna / demonstration.
5. I, and other organizers shall ensure that the dharna / demonstration will be in an orderly manner and not cause impediment to the normal flow of traffic and also follow the parking and traffic rules.

6. I, and others shall keep the limit of gathering of participants in dharna / demonstration upto 150 only.
7. I, and other organizers shall ensure that sufficient number of volunteers shall be deployed at & around the venue to assist the police and also the list of volunteers is provided with their contact details to the police in advance.
8. I, and other organizers shall ensure that the dharna / demonstration / meeting shall be held at the prescribed place / venue.
9. I, and other organizers shall ensure that the dharna / demonstration will be held within the prescribed time period, i.e., from 10.00 AM to 06.00 PM.
10. I, and other organizers shall not use the stick for flags/banners, etc., more than 2 feet in length. The dimension of flags/banners shall be 9 ft. x 6 ft. or smaller. The participants may carry flags, banners, etc., on sticks purely for display purposes.
11. I, and other organizers shall ensure that the participants in the dharna / demonstration will not carry lathis, firearms, spears, swords and other articles, which are likely to be used as a weapon of offence. Besides, carrying of imitation firearms, resembling the weapons used by forces (sten-gun, SAF, Carbine or AK-47, pistol, rifle) or any other firearm will also not be allowed, which may cause danger to human life or safety or disturbance of public tranquility or a riot.
12. I, and other organizers shall ensure that no participant shall make provocative speeches or use language calculated or likely to inflame passions of the crowd or incite them or promote enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place or birth, residence, language etc., or act in any manner, which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between such groups or disturb the public tranquility.
13. I, and other organizers shall ensure that the participants of the dharna / demonstration shall immediately comply with all lawful directions given to

them by the police officials on **duty** at any stage of the rally / dharna / demonstration.

14. I, and other organizers shall ensure that no participants shall act in any manner as to result in damage to public property, assault on Govt. servant or obstructing duty of Govt. servant, arson, etc., or any other thing which is in transgression of law.
15. I, and other participants shall ensure that no participant shall destroy, damage or delete any place of worship or any object held sacred by any class of persons with the intention of thereby insulting any religion or any class of persons.
16. I, and other participants will not paste posters or banners unauthorized by causing defacement either to the Government or Private property.
17. I, and other organizers shall not move in the shape of march from the prescribed place of dharna / demonstration except from parking to the prescribed place of dharna / demonstration or as symbolic march duly permitted by the Police. During this I & other organizers shall abide the instructions /directions of the police.
18. I, and other organizers shall not burn any kind of documents, books and effigy, cooking, littering, throwing of placards, banners and plastic waste at the venue.
19. I, and other organizers shall ensure that no loudspeaker or public address system shall be used at the venue of the dharna / demonstration without specific permission from the police and loudspeakers shall be used only within the prescribed time.
20. I, and other organizers shall not pitch tents / shamiana or temporary structure, which can be used for the purpose of speech, organizing dharna / meetings or place of abode for temporary period.

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- 21. I, and other organizers shall ensure that no vehicle including tractors, trolleys, bullock-carts, cycle-rickshaws, hand-driven carts or animals like horses, elephants, camels, etc., will be brought in the dharna / demonstration.
- 22. I shall be responsible to keep the followers under control, failing which I along with others shall be prosecuted under the existing provisions of law.
- 23. I, and other organizers shall abide the guidelines of Undertaking and co-operate the police in all circumstances.

Date _____

Place _____

(Signature)

(Name in Capital Letters)

(Designation)

(Name of the Organization)

Mobile No. _____