

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION, HARYANA,
PANCHKULA


ORDER

Order No- 12/1-2017 Ad(3)

Dated, Panchkula the 27.11.2018

A copy of letter No.2/619/2018-1HG-IV dated 31.10.2018 received from Superintendent, Home-IV O/o Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Home Department "**regarding Directive for measures to tackle the pollution problem due to firecrackers-Compliance of directions dated 23.10.2018 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (C) No. 728 of 2015-Arjun Gopal & ors. Vs Union of India and Ors-Reg**" is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. All the Principals of Government Colleges in the State.
2. All the Commanding Officers, NCC Units in the State.
3. Registrar, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra/Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak/Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa/Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan (Sonapat)/Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur (Rewari)/Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind/Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani.
4. All the Librarians of District Libraries/Sub Divisional Libraries in the State of Haryana / Librarian.



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A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. PS/DGHE, Steno/Additional Director Admn.
2. All the HQ Officers and Head of Branches.
3. All the Assistants of Admin Branch.


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No. 2/619/2018-1HG-IV

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Haryana, Home Department.

To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Haryana, School Education Department.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Higher Education Department
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Environment Department.
4. The Principal Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Public Relation and Languages Department.
5. The Principal Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Local Bodies Department.
6. The Director General of Police, Haryana.
7. All the District Magistrates in Haryana.
8. All the Commissioners of Police/Superintendents of Police in Haryana.

Dated Chandigarh, the 31st October, 2018.

Subject:

Directive for measures to tackle the pollution problem due to firecrackers- Compliance of directions dated 23.10.2018 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (C) No. 728 of 2015-Arjun Gopal & Ors. Vs Union of India and Ors-Reg.

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to say that in order to tackle the pollution problem due to firecrackers, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 23.10.2018 passed in Writ Petition (C) No. 728 of 2015-Arjun Gopal & Ors. Vs Union of India and Ors., has issued certain directions including use of following Reduced Emission firecrackers:-

- “II. Use of Reduced Emission firecrackers (Improved crackers) - (a) Avoidance of use of ash as desiccant or filler materials in crackers for reduction in particulate mater by 15-20%. These can be implemented subject to approval by PESO, and (b) usage of charcoal meeting specifications of explosives and pyrotechnics as prescribed by PESO.
- III. Use of Reduced Emission firecrackers (Green crackers: Safe water and air sprinklers (SWAS) - Low emission sound and light emitting functional crackers with PM reduction by 30-35% and significant reduction in NOx and SO2 due to in-situ water generation as dust suppressant and low cost due to usage of low cost oxidants. These can be implemented subject to approval by PESO.”

In order to comply with the said directions, the Government have decided to issue following directives/advisories:-

- (i) The crackers with reduced emission (improved crackers) and green crackers, as mentioned in Suggestion Nos. II and III above only would be permitted to be manufactured and sold.
- (ii) As a consequence, production and sale of crackers other than those mentioned in Suggestion Nos. II and III is hereby banned.
- (iii) The manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) is hereby banned as the same causes huge air, noise and solid waste problems.
- (iv) The sale shall only be through licensed traders and it shall be ensured that these licensed traders are selling those firecrackers which are permitted by this order.
- (v) No e-commerce websites, including Flipkart, Amazon etc., shall accept any online orders and effect online sales. Any such e-commerce companies found

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selling crackers online will be hauled up for contempt of court and the Court may also pass, in that eventuality, orders of monetary penalties as well.

- (vi) Barium salts in the fireworks is also hereby banned.
- (viii) Even those crackers which have already been produced and they do not fulfil the conditions mentioned in Suggestion Nos. II and III above will not be allowed to be sold in Delhi and NCR.
- (xii) Direction Nos. 4 to 9 and 11 contained in the order dated September 12, 2017 shall continue to operate and are reiterated again.
- (xiii) Extensive public awareness campaigns shall be taken up by the Schools/Colleges informing the public about the harmful effects of firecrackers in coordination with Public Relation Department and Urban Local Bodies Department.
- (xiv) On Diwali days or on any other festivals like Gurburab etc., when such fireworks generally take place, it would strictly be from 8:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. only. On Christmas even and New Year eve, when such fireworks start around midnight, i.e. 12:00 a.m., it would be from 11:55 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. only.
- (xv) The community fire cracking only (for Diwali and other festivals etc. as mentioned above) would be permitted, wherever it can be done. For this purpose, particular area/fields would be pre-identified and pre-designated by the concerned authorities. This exercise shall be completed within a period of one week from today so that the public at large is informed about the designated places one week before Diwali. The areas designated now for the purpose of Diwali shall be valid for community fire cracking on other occasions/festivals as well, as mentioned above. Even for marriages and other occasions, sale of improved crackers and green crackers is only permitted.
- (xvi) All the officers/officials and particularly the Police, shall ensure that fireworks take place only during the designated time and at designated places, as mentioned above. They shall also ensure that there is no sale of banned firecrackers. In case any violation is found, the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned Police Station of the area shall be held personally liable for such violation and this would amount to committing contempt of the Court, for which such SHO(s) would be proceeded against.
- (xvii) The State Pollution Control Board/ Pollution Control Committees (SPCBs/PCCs) of the State shall carry out short-term monitoring in their cities for 14 days (commencing from 7 days prior to Diwali and ending 7 days after Diwali) for the parameters namely, Aluminum, Barium, Iron apart from the regulatory parameters against the short-term Ambient Air Quality Criteria Values (AAQCVs) proposed by CPCB with regard to bursting of firecrackers. This will help in generation of data on pollution caused by the bursting of firecrackers and would be helpful for regulation and control quantity of Aluminum, Barium and Iron used in the manufacture of firecrackers.

2. The above instructions be brought to the notice of all the concerned for strict compliance by the respective departments/authorities. The copies of the order dated 12.09.2017 and the judgement dated 23.10.2018 passed in the above case be downloaded from the official website of Supreme Court of India to ensure the compliance in letter and spirit. Any lapse on part of the concerned person shall be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the erring officers/officials in accordance with the Rules.



Superintendent, Home-IV,
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Home Department.