

**NO.1203/DM/D1/GEPLA/2021**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, PUDUCHERRY**

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 of Cr.P.C.**

Whereas, the Election Commission of India, in view of the General Elections to Puducherry Legislative Assembly 2021, has issued various instructions, vide Standard Operating Procedures for last 48 hours, to restrict the assembly/movement of people by invoking the provisions of section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The Polling for the said Election is scheduled on 06.04.2021;

AND WHEREAS, the campaign for General Elections is prohibited before 48 hours of closing of the poll day i.e. from 07.00PM on 04.04.2021. However, the law does not prohibit the door-to-door campaigning during the period of 48 hours;

AND WHEREAS, Bike Rallies are not allowed at any place 72 hours before date of Poll in all Poll going constituencies;

NOW THEREFORE, for smooth conduct of Elections in a free and fair manner, and in strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, I, PURVA GARG, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Puducherry, hereby invoke the provisions of section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and prohibit the unlawful assembly & movement, holding of public meetings, carrying of weapons, sticks, banners, placards etc., by any person and also prohibit the shouting of slogans and using of Loud Speakers and acting in any manner detrimental to public peace and tranquility in entire Puducherry District from 7.00PM of 04.04.2021 to 07.00AM of 07.04.2021. Further, bike rallies are prohibited from 7.00 PM of 03.04.2021 to 07.00 AM of 07.04.2021.

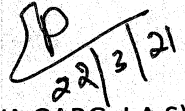
Any violation of this order is punishable by legal action under section 188 of IPC and other relevant provisions by law.

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This order does not apply to purely religious functions, marriages, funerals and inside the Polling booths premises for voting purpose.

The emergent nature of case and circumstances do not permit serving of notice to the concerned in due time and hence this order is passed ex parte under section 144 (2) of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.

At Puducherry, dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.

  
(PURVA GARG, I.A.S)  
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

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

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1. The Director General of Police, Puducherry.
2. The Senior Superintendent of Police (Law & Order), Puducherry
3. The Sub Divisional Magistrate (North/South/Mahe/Yanam), Puducherry
4. The Supdt. of Police (Elections/North/South/East/West/Mahe/Yanam), Puducherry
5. The Director of Information & Publicity, Puducherry.....to make wide publicity.

Copy Submitted to:

1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry