



**POLICE COMMISSIONERATE
BHUBANESWAR-CUTTACK
BHUBANESWAR**

**PRESS RELEASE REGARDING OBSERVANCE OF ORDER OF HON'BLE SUPREME
COURT OF INDIA FOR DIWALI FIREWORKS**

In WP(C) No. 728 of 2015 filed on 24.09.2015 by Arjun Gopal and others vrs Union of India, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the Union of India and other concerned authorities to implement its directions with immediate effect. The following are the salient features of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

1. The crackers with reduced emission (improved crackers) and green crackers (which are less polluting) will be permitted to be manufactured and sold.
2. As a consequence, production and sell of crackers other than those mentioned above is here by banned.
3. The manufacture, sale and use of joint firecrackers (series crackers or laris) is here by banned as the same causes huge air, noise and solid waste problems.
4. 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.
5. No e-commerce websites, including Flip-kart & Amazon etc. shall accept any online orders and effect online sales. Any such e-commerce companies found selling crackers online will be hauled off for contempt of court and the Court may pass, in that eventuality, orders of monetary, penalties as well.
6. Barium salts in the fireworks is also hereby banned.
7. PESO is directed to review the clinical composition of fireworks, particularly reducing Aluminium content and shall submit its report in respect thereof within a period of two weeks from today. For undertaking this exercise PESO would also associate FRDC.
8. Even those crackers which have already been produced and they don't fulfil the conditions mentioned in Point 1 & 2 will not be allowed to be sold in Delhi and NCR.
9. PESO will ensure fireworks with permitted chemical only to be purchased/possessed/sold/used during Diwali and all other religious festivals, of any religion whatsoever, and other occasions like marriages etc. it shall test

and check for the presence of banned chemicals like lithium/arsenic/antimony/lead/mercury.

10. PESO will ensure suspension of the licences of the manufactures of such fireworks items and appropriate disposal of such stock.
11. PESO will ensure that only those crackers whose decibel (sound) level are within the limits are allowed in the market and will ensure to take action by suspending the licenses of the manufacturers of such violations and disposal of such lots.
12. Extensive public awareness campaigns shall be taken up by the Central Govt./State Govt./Schools/Colleges informing the public about the harmful effects of firecrackers.
13. **On Diwali days or any other festivals like Gurpurab etc., when such fireworks generally takes place it would strictly be from 8 PM till 10 PM only. On Christmas even and New Year eve, when such fireworks start around midnight i.e 12 A.M, it would be from 11.55 PM till 12.30 AM only.**
14. The State Govt. shall be made an endeavour to explore the feasibility of community fire cracking.
15. All the official respondents, 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 at this should amount to committing contempt of the Court, for which such SHO would be proceeded against.**
16. CPCB and respective State Pollution Control Boards/ Pollution Control Committees of the States and Union Territories shall carry out short-term monitoring in their cities for four-teen days (commencing from seven days prior to Diwali and ending seven days after Diwali).

It has been noticed that some fireworks factories and shops have become more active and supplying illegal fireworks of foreign origin which are not permitted under Indian Statute and also do not comply with the Indian Noise Level Standards to the local market during the ensuing festive occasions.

In view of the above Commissioner of Police has directed all the field functionaries to inspect the fireworks shops, fireworks godowns under their jurisdiction and action may be taken against persons found selling imported illegal high sound fireworks as per Rule 127 and 128 of Explosives Rules 2008 and intimation may be given to

PESO (Petroleum and Explosives Safety organisation) office of the Dy. Chief controller of Explosives, F/35/A, BJB Nagar, Bhubaneswar for carrying out destruction of seized fireworks as per Rule 129 of Explosives Rules 2008.

It is also requested to ensure strict implementation and enforcement of noise pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules 2000, restrict the use of sound emitting Fire crackers and Chinese firecrackers generating noise which cross the prescribed limits i.e. 125 db (a) during ensuing Dewali, 2018. Seize / confiscate the dangerous / hazardous sound emitting fire crackers and Chinese made Fire crackers generating noise which cross the prescribed limits and which do not have their chemical composition and date of manufacturing clearly displayed on the packages. The time of bursting of Fire crackers is fixed from **8 PM to 10 PM** for 2 Hours on the day of Diwali and **no bursting of Fire crackers shall take place in the silence zone i.e. the area comprising 100 mtrs around all Hospitals, Educational Institutions and Courts.**

I appeal to the citizens of the twin city to observe / obey the orders of the Apex court to make the festival safe and incident free.



Dt. 27.10.2018

Commissioner of Police,
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