

No: - DMP/J/1369-82
Date:- 15-03-2020

Subject: - **Restrictions in District Poonch to contain spread of COVID-19 under Section 144 Cr. P.C.**

ORDER

Whereas, the prevailing health situation (due to COVID-19) in several countries of the world has given rise to serious concerns in India as well;

Whereas, COVID-19 has a pattern of transmission at a rapid rate in case prescribed preventive protocols, like avoiding mass gatherings etc, are not strictly followed;

Whereas, it is felt that certain restrictions are required over public gathering/assembly of 05 or more persons, persons returning from foreign countries and to manage public gathering places;

Whereas, section 144 of CrPC empowers the undersigned to issue certain directions/orders in urgent case of nuisances of apprehended danger when it is considered that such direction is likely to prevent danger to human life, health or safety;

Whereas, I Rahul Yadav, IAS, District Magistrate Poonch has made certain that immediate preventive action should be taken to restrict public gathering/access to public places and movement of persons returning from foreign countries to contain spread of COVID-19 virus to prevent danger to human life, health or safety. Therefore, in exercise of power conferred upon me u/s 144 CrPC do hereby order as follows: -

- a) Restrictions are imposed on any gathering of 05 (five) or more persons at any public place of entire Poonch District.
- b) No conference, rally, dharna or protest etc. shall be organized within territorial limits of Poonch District.
- c) Any person returning to Poonch from any foreign country has to compulsorily maintain a home quarantine of 15 days from date of his/her return, even if he/she is asymptomatic.
- d) No gyms, bars, restaurants etc. in District Poonch shall operate.



Provided that the above order shall not apply to Police or Para-military person or any other Government Servant on official duties;

RUP

This order shall remain in force with immediate effect on 15th of March 2020 and shall remain in force till further order or 30 days whichever is earlier. In view of the emergent nature of the order, it is being passed ex-parte and addressed to the public in general. It shall be circulated in print, electronic and social media for information of all concerned.

Any violation of this order shall invite action under Indian Penal Code.

Issue under my seal and signature today on 15th of March 2020.



(Rahul Yadav) IAS
District Magistrate

Poonch
District Magistrate
Poonch (J&K)

Copy to:-

1. Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Division Jammu for favour of the order.
2. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Poonch for information and n/action.
3. District Information Officer, Poonch for wide circulation and publicity.
4. Asstt. Commissioner (Rev) Poonch for compliance.
5. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Mendhar/Surankote for compliance.
6. Tehsildars (all) for compliance.