

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT PUDUCHERRY

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No.1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020/127

Dated:10.01.2021

**Order under section 144 CrPC**

**Ref:** Order No.1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020/126 of District Magistrate, Puducherry

**Sub:** Disruption of regular supply of electricity – Prohibition – Reg

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WHEREAS, a regulatory order under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, dated 06.01.2021 is in force which directs that no protest / demonstrations / agitations / rallies shall be conducted within the District of Puducherry, without prior permission from the Office of District Magistrate.

2. AND WHEREAS, it is reported by the Electricity Department vide letter No. 101/ED/SEcumHOD/O&M/F.Strike/2020-21 dated 10.01.2021 that, Privatization Protest Committee of Electricity Department will resort to agitation from 11.01.2021. There is apprehension of disruption of regular supply of electricity and damage of electricity department properties within the District of Puducherry.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is emphasized that electricity is an essential service. Critical services like hospitals and water supply are also dependent on electricity supply. Any indefinite disruption in the supply of electricity is likely to cause disturbance to public tranquility and danger to human life, health and safety. This necessitates **immediate prohibition** of any activities which adversely affect the electricity supply.

4. Now therefore I, Purva Garg, I.A.S, District Magistrate, Puducherry in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, with a view to prevent disturbance to public tranquility and prevent danger to human life, health and safety do hereby **prohibit** the employees of the Electricity Department or any other person to cause any disruption to electricity supply within the District of Puducherry. The employees of the Electricity Department are directed to perform their regular duties and ensure maintenance of regular electricity supply. There should be no action by any individual which prevents, or tends to prevent, or cause obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed in

  
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ensuring supply of electricity. There shall be no obstruction in the operation, maintenance and functioning of electrical establishments.

5. Any gathering in the form of strike/protests/ agitations at the locations of electricity department establishments shall be considered unlawful assembly and legal action under section 188 of IPC and other relevant provisions of law shall be initiated against the violators.

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

7. This order shall remain in force from 11.01.2021 onwards, until further orders.

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

Given under my hand and seal on 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at Puducherry.



(PURVA GARG, I.A.S)

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
PUDUCHERRY

To:-

1. SSP(L&O), Puducherry
2. SE, Electricity Department, Puducherry
3. Director, Department of Information and Publicity
4. Director, Printing and Stationery - with a request to publish the same in official gazette

Copy for information please:-

1. Hon'ble LG, Puducherry
2. Hon'ble CM, Puducherry
3. The Chief Secretary, Puducherry
4. The DGP, Puducherry
5. Secretary, Electricity Department, Puducherry