

Department of Revenue and Disaster Management – Fixing of film shooting charges and guidelines for Cinema/Television serial shooting charges at places and buildings belonging to Government of Puducherry and Government Undertakings - Orders- Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 68

Puducherry, the 10.08.2007

ORDER:

Read: This office I.D. Note No.2385/DM/RO/D1/2007,
Dated 30.07.2007.

The Cultural heritage and beauty of Puducherry have attracted shooting of Cinema, Television serial, Advertisement and documentary Films. At present the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry regulates the shooting activities and the District Collectors are issuing permission to the producers of visual media. A fee of Rs. 5,000/- per day towards shooting permission and Rs. 20,000/- as returnable caution deposit, are being collected by the respective Government Departments. The producers, have appealed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry to fix the shooting charges on par with the rate fixed by the neighboring state of Tamil Nadu.

2. After due consideration approval of the Govt. is accorded to fix the fee for grant of permission for shooting at Government premises such as buildings, roads, parks, etc., and also at places which are under the control of Government undertakings/Corporations/Local bodies are as follows

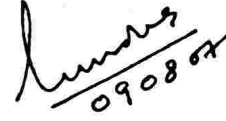
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| a. Cinema shooting including Advertisement | - Rs. 3,000/- per day/per location |
| b. TV Serial shooting | - Rs. 1,500/- per day/per location |

If shooting is carried out by any Educational/Film Institute for imparting training to the students, 50% rebate of fee may be allowed by the Collectors against the existing rate on production of certificate from the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.

3. The District Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Puducherry and Karaikal Districts shall function as Competent Authority for the respective Districts and will issue a general permission for shooting of film in their respective districts. The Head of Departments concerned or the officers authorized by Head of Department shall issue location specific permission without causing much delay, after collecting the required shooting charges and the security deposit of Rs. 25,000/-. The Security Deposit shall be refunded immediately after adjusting against the damages caused, if any, to the public properties during the shooting. For the reasons recorded in writing, the Departments or Authorities concerned may refuse to grant permission for shooting, in specific locations with the prior consultation with the District Collector. The District Collector shall issue such instructions/conditions for regulating the film shooting along with the general permission as deemed fit. The instructions/conditions as in the annexure shall be followed scrupulously, which may be amended/modified by Government from time to time to suit the need/situation.

5. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide their U.O Note No147272/2007/F3 dated 11.07.2007.

// By order of the Lt. Governor//



(G. THEVA NEETHI DHAS)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (REVENUE)

To

The Director
Directorate of Stationary and Printing
Puducherry.

With a request to publish the G.O.
in the next Gazette and to send 50
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1. All Secretaries to Government of Puducherry.
2. The Secretary to Lt. Governor of Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Chief Minister of Puducherry.
4. The Collector, Karaikal.
5. The Senior Superintendent of Police(L&O), Puducherry.
6. All Secretariat Departments/ Heads of Departments/Heads of Offices.
7. The Chief Engineer, PWD., Puducherry.
8. The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
9. The Director, Tourism Department, Puducherry.
10. The Director, Agriculture Dept., Puducherry.
11. The Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institutions, Puducherry.
12. The Commissioner, All Municipalities/Commune Panchayat, Puducherry.
13. The Director, Information and Publicity Department, Puducherry.
14. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate (North/South), Puducherry.
15. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.
16. The Superintendent of Police (North/South/Rural), Puducherry.
17. The Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Puducherry.
18. The Superintendent of Police, Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.
19. The Principal, Puducherry Engg. College, Puducherry.
20. The Principal, Mahatma Gandhi Dental College, Puducherry.
21. The Registrar, Puducherry University, Puducherry.
22. The Managing Director, AFT/Swadeshi/Bharathi Mills Ltd. Puducherry.
23. The P.S. to All Ministers, Puducherry.
24. The P.S. to Lt. Governor, Puducherry.
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**CONDITIONS TO BE FOLLOWED WHILE CONDUCTING FILM/TV SERIAL AND
COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT AND OTHER SHOOTINGS IN THE
U.T OF PUDUCHERRY**

- (i) The film Producer (or) film Director (or) any authorized person shall make an application at least 5 working days ahead of the proposed shooting indicating the locations. Such person has to produce an affidavit stating that the proposed shooting shall not cause any disturbance to public and cause no damage to public property. If any damages occurred beyond control, necessary compensation will be paid as fixed by the head of the institution/department in charge of the property.
- (ii) The amount remitted as fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- (iii) Bridges, Vulnerable places or buildings which are being guarded in the interest of security or declared and treated as protected places shall not be filmed.
- (iv) The Head of Department concerned shall be informed well in time about the exact date and time of shooting.
- (v) There shall not be any kind of unruly behavior on the part of the performers.
- (vi) No damage shall be caused to public road and structures and film shooting shall be done without any hindrance to the flow of traffic.
- (vii) No structural alteration or damages shall be caused in the locations/properties and they shall be filmed as they are and no sets shall be erected at the locations. Specific permission shall be obtain from the District Collector, to erect settings.
- (viii) Every care shall be taken not to disturb/destroy the flowerbeds, shrubs, lawns etc.
- (ix) Filming shall not be done inside the offices and schools during the working hours.
- (x) Wastages and used articles shall be removed at the cost of the applicant.
- (xi) Power generator required for filming shall be placed securely off the public buildings and the lamps used shall be mounted on movable wooden stands and should not be hung against the wall.
- (xii) If any damage is caused, the assessment of the concerned department shall be final in regard to the compensation payable, if so demanded by the authority who granted permission for filming, towards such damages.
- (xiii) Before screening the film, it shall be incumbent on the part of the person or the film company to arrange for projection of the film for examination, by such authority and if the authority so desires, in public interest, eliminate such portion or portions of the film from being screened.
- (xiv) Permission granted for film shooting in and around the Raj Nivas, Secretariat, Legislative Assembly and other public places shall be cancelled without any prior notice on request by the Police Authorities
- (xv) Religious sentiments especially during the shooting in temples, Churches, Mosque, etc. should be honored with utmost care.
- (xvi) Necessary bandobust arrangement and traffic diversion may be made during shooting period by contacting the concerned Police Stations.
- (xvii) The film shooting should not be made in any place other than the approved locations and should be completed within the permitted period of time.
- (xviii) Film shooting permission shall be cancelled or withdrawn if any of the conditions stipulated is not strictly complied with.
- (xix) The permission granted shall be cancelled or withdrawn by the Collector without any notice, in unforeseen circumstance, keeping in view of the Public safety, maintenance of Law & order, peace and public tranquility. No compensation is payable on such withdrawal/cancellation.

[Handwritten Signature]
10.08.07