

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, CUTTACK

Letter No. 4045 /Elect. Dated 22.05.2024

An order under Section 144 of the CrPC, 1973

WHEREAS the Election Commission of India vide its Press Note No.ECI/PN/23/2024, dated 16.03.2024 has declared the schedule for General Elections to Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly of Odisha - 2024 which is going to be held on **25.05.2024 in Cuttack District;**

AND WHEREAS under Section 126 of the Representation of People Act 1951, prohibition of public meetings during period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll, the campaign will come to an end. After the closure of campaign period, no person shall convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election. No person shall display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus. No person shall propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto. The person who have been brought from outside the constituencies and are not voters of the constituencies should not continue to remain present in the constituency as their presence after the end of campaign period may undermine the atmosphere for free and fair poll;

AND WHEREAS as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India orders under Section 144 of CrPC, 1973 has to be issued regarding ban on unlawful assembly & prohibition on holding of public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for closure of poll;

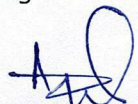
AND WHEREAS use of loud speakers, amplifier or any other devices that amplifies human voice or otherwise, save and except Government personnel on bonafide public service shall be prohibited for the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll in the entire district of Cuttack.;

AND WHEREAS, Cellular phones, Cordless Phones, etc. shall not be allowed within the 100-meter perimeter of the polling stations except the authorized officials;

AND WHEREAS there shall no public display of fire arms and ammunition in whatever manner across the jurisdiction of Cuttack District. Possession of arms within polling premises shall not be allowed except for authorized personal carrying out Government duty;

AND WHEREAS no unauthorized persons should be present inside the polling station at any time or during the poll;

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is every reason to believe that unknown miscreants and disgruntled persons may attempt to create disorder and trouble outside the polling stations and thereby interfere in the smooth and fair conduct of polling process and also thereby may cause breach of peace and impact public tranquillity. Hence, there is sufficient ground for proceeding for which immediate prevention is required;


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NOW, therefore, in order to ensure free, fair, peaceful conduct of elections and strict compliance/adherence to the instructions and rules laid down by the Election Commission of India and in exercise of the power conferred upon u/s 144 of CrPC, 1973 **I Shri Arindam Dakua, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector, Cuttack do hereby promulgate prohibitory order banning the following activities from 05.00 PM of 23.05.2024 (for all areas falling under 87-BadambaAC, 88-Banki AC, 89-Athagarh AC, 90-Barabati-Cuttack AC, 91-Choudwar-Cuttack AC, 93-Cuttack-Sadar AC) till 6.00 AM of 26.05.2024.**

1. Unlawful assembly of 5 persons or more within the 200 meter of polling premises and holding of public meetings/rallies.
2. Use of Loudspeakers.
3. Parking of vehicles within 200 meter of polling station except for authorized personnel carrying out Government duty.
4. Residual posters/electioneering materials within the 200 meter of polling premises.
5. Announcement of results as to exit polls until the last date of last elections of the General Elections-2024.
6. Presence of electors or campaigners who are not voters of the constituencies in the district.

Any person who contravenes this order shall be liable to be punished in accordance with the provisions of Section-188 of IPC and other relevant provisions of law.

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 U/S 144(2) of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.

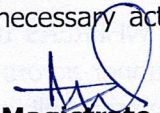
Issued under my hand and seal today on 22.05.2024.

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**(Shri Arindam Dakua, IAS)
District Magistrate, Cuttack**

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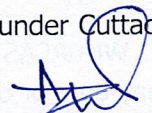
Copy forwarded to the DI&PRO for information and necessary action. He is directed to publish the order for wide publicity.



District Magistrate, Cuttack

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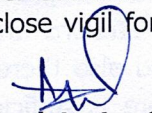
Copy forwarded to the All ULBs/All Tahasildars/All BDOs under Cuttack District for information and necessary action.



District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. **4048** /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy forwarded to the All Sub-Divisional Magistrates under Cuttack District for information and necessary action. They are directed to ensure close vigil for keeping peace and public order.



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District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. 4050 /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy forwarded to the DCP&DIG, Cuttack/Superintendent of Police (Rural), Cuttack for information and necessary action. They are directed to ensure close vigil for keeping peace and public order.

District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. 4051 /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy submitted to the District Judge, Cuttack for information and necessary action.

District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. 4052 /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy submitted to the Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. Home Department, Odisha for information and necessary action.

District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. 4053 /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. Odisha for information and necessary action.

District Magistrate, Cuttack

Memo No. 4054 /Elec Date.22.05.2024

Copy submitted to the Chief Secretary to Govt. for information and necessary action.

District Magistrate, Cuttack