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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT KARAIKAL

Present : A. VIKRANTH RAJA, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Karaikal.

M.C. No. 01/2019

ORDER

(UNDER SECTION 144 OF Cr. P.C.)

Whereas, the Election Commission of India on 10-3-2019 had announced that the General Elections for Lok Sabha 2019 will be held on 18-4-2019 for the Puducherry Constituency. As a sequel to this announcement of Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force from the date of announcement;

2. Whereas, the Office of the District Election Officer, Returning Officer-IX and Returning Officer-X are located in the Duplex Street and Dr. Ambedkar Street in the centre of the town;

3. Whereas, assembling of huge crowd near the Office of the District Election Officer, Returning Officer-IX and X will be an easy target for anti-social elements by unknown persons which may cause hindrance to the officers functioning of the election machinery as well as free flow of vehicles deployed for election related purpose;

4. Whereas, it has been made to appear to the undersigned that there are sufficient grounds for proceeding under section 144 (1) of Cr. P.C. to prevent imminent danger to the personnel engaged on duty at various levels in the Office of District Election Officer, Karaikal and Returning Officers-IX and X and uphold the safety of such personnel and properties within the Jurisdiction of the Collectorate building extended up to an area covered under radius of 1 Km. (one kilometer). Hence, it is necessary that special provisions under section 144 (1) Cr. P.C. are invoked to take action in order to prevent any danger to the lives and properties of the premises of the Office of District Election Officer, Karaikal and Returning Officers-IX and X, Karaikal;

5. Whereas, it is opined, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, to prohibit the action mentioned in pre-paras, which is detrimental to public peace and tranquility and pose threat to peaceful conduct of free and fair elections;

And whereas, this ban shall not be applicable to purely religious functions and marriages, for which, however, prior exemption order shall have to be obtained;

Now, therefore, A. Vikranth Raja, I.A.S., the undersigned, District Magistrate, Karaikal, after going through the material evidences, laid before me and after satisfying myself of the need for prohibition of certain activities;

Prohibit various activities like staging agitation programes, meetings, demonstrations, processions, gate meetings, hunger strike, picketing and all other means of public aggressions displayed either by a single or a group of organized or unorganized, either political or non-political outfits consisting of men, women and transgenders, within the area specifically covered by the roads laid around the Collectorate-*cum*-District Election Office building, Karaikal, as detailed below:–

- A. From Eastern side : Kamarajar Salai
- B. From Western side : Bharathiyar Road
- C. From Northern side : Thirunallar Road
- D. From Southern side : Thomas Arul Street.

with effect from the date of this Order and which shall remain in force for three months from the date of issue of this order.

This Order shall be promulgated through local Cable Television channels, Frequent announcement through FM (Prasar Bharati), Karaikal and also affixing the copy of this order, dated 15-3-2019 at the Offices of Senior Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Police/Subdivisional Magistrate/Tahsildar, Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality and in all Commune Panchayats of Karaikal District.

At Karaikal, dated 15th day of March 2019.

A. VIKRANTH RAJA, I.A.S., District Magistrate.

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