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#### IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT KARAİKAL

*Present* : ISHITA RATHI, I.A.S.,  
District Election Officer,  
District Magistrate, Karaikal.

**M.C. No. 1, dated 15-03-2026**

#### ORDER

(UNDER SECTION 163 BNSS, 2023)

*Sub* : District Magistrate,  
Karaikal – GEPLA, 2026 – Conduct of Political Meeting /  
Agitations / Demonstrations / Rallies, etc., during Model  
Code of Conduct – Reg.

*Ref* : Press Note No. ECI/PN/029/2026, dated 15-03-2026  
of the ECI, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced on 15-03-2026 that General Elections to Puducherry Assembly 2026 will be held on 09-04-2026 and soon after this announcement of the Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect.

And whereas, since the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is in effect in Karaikal, it is now mandatory for all political parties as well as for the independent candidates contesting in the upcoming elections to follow the MCC in letter and spirit till the election process is over.

And whereas, consequent upon the enforcement of the MCC, prior permission from concerned authority becomes mandatory for organizing public political meetings / campaigns / electioneering / rallies / agitations / demonstrations by political parties, independent candidates, unions, *etc.*, in order to maintain law and order decorum and ensure smooth conduct of elections.

Now, therefore, I, Ishita Rathi, I.A.S., in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 163 of the BNSS, 2023 with a view to ensure conduct of elections in a peaceful manner with due regard to public tranquility, do hereby order that any and all public political meetings / campaigns / electioneering / rallies / agitations / demonstrations by political parties, independent candidates, unions, *etc.*, in Karaikal region shall be carried out only at the notified places after obtaining prior permission from the Office of the District Magistrate, Karaikal.

Any such political meetings / campaigning / electioneering / rallies / agitations / demonstrations performed outside the locations identified in the Annexure and or without prior permission from the Office of the District Magistrate shall be considered unlawful assembly and legal action under relevant sections of BNS, 2023 and other relevant provisions of law shall be initiated against the violators.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and will remain in force till 06-05-2026. This order shall apply to the Karaikal region of Union territory of Puducherry.

This order shall not apply to marriages, religious and funeral processions, ceremonies and Government functions. 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* under section 163 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal on the 15th day of March, 2026.

**ISHITA RATHI, I.A.S.,**  
District Magistrate.