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GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISING PROTESTS / RALLY / DEMONSTRATION
UNDER HOWRAH POLICE COMMISSIONERATE

A: APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION:

Application addressed to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head Quarter, Howrah Police Commissionerate for grant of permission for all meetings must be submitted at least 15 days in advance, excluding the day of the event, at the Commissionerate Head Quarter, 28, Nityadhan Mukherjee Road, Howrah - 711101 or through electronic mail at Email Id: commhowrah@gmail.com.

B: PERMISSION FROM COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

- i. Permission will be granted on 'first-come-first-serve' basis and will be subject to assessment by Special Branch, Traffic Police and concerned local Police Station.
- ii. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head Quarter, Howrah Police Commissionerate shall examine the request and take a decision as to whether the proposed rally, procession, demonstration, dharna, public meeting etc. shall be allowed or not, keeping in view its likely effect viz. whether it would cause any obstruction to traffic or danger to human safety or disturbance to public tranquility etc. The request will be considered and then allowed or rejected keeping in view the aforesaid considerations.
- iii. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head Quarter, Howrah Police Commissionerate will have the authority to revoke the permission in case of unforeseen and sudden developments such as VIP security requirements or any other intelligence input, emergent law and order issue and the reasons for revocation shall be duly recorded and conveyed to the organiser(s).

C: USE OF LOUD SPEAKER:

- i. Loudspeakers, if used, shall be within the permissible limits as prescribed by the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta and as per norms of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 framed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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- ii. Use of loudspeaker in open air or use of any kind of vehicular horn in the vicinity of "SILENCE ZONE" area like hospitals, nursing homes, Courts, educational institution is strictly prohibited.
- iii. No loudspeaker or public address system shall be used at the venue without specific permission from the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head Quarter.
- iv. The organisers shall ensure that there will be no DJ (Disc Jockey) in their rally or procession.
- v. Loudspeakers shall be used only between 10.00 AM to 8.00 PM as per the undertaking given before the competent authority.

D: USE OF VEHICLE:

- i. The organisers shall clearly mention in the prayer for permission regarding the number and type of vehicles to be used as conveyance for the participants. Parking of vehicles will be allowed in consultation with Traffic Police.
- ii. The organizer shall not organize any bike rally / procession.

E: TIME RESTRICTION:

Any protest/meeting shall be organised only between 10.00 AM to 8.00 PM. Exemption may be given subject to availability of the force / manpower and keeping in view the special circumstances if any.

F: PROHIBITIONS:

- i. The participants in the meetings shall not carry lathis, firearms, spears, swords or any other articles which can be used as a weapon of offence.
- ii. The participants may carry flags and banners with sticks but purely for display purposes. It should, however, be ensured by the organiser(s) that the dimension of flags or banners will not be greater than 9 ft. x 6 ft. and no stick used in the banners or flags shall be more than 2 ft. in length.
- iii. Speeches capable of inciting violence, provocation or use of any language likely to inflame passions of the crowd or promote enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place or birth, residence language etc., or act in any manner which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between such groups or may disturb public tranquility will not be permitted.
- iv. No participant shall act in any manner which may result in damage to public property, assault on Government Servant, arson, etc.

- v. No burning of any documents, books and effigy, cooking, littering, throwing of placards, banners and plastic waste causing environmental pollution be permitted as it will be in violation of the judgement of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- vi. The protesters shall not be allowed to pitch tents or temporary structures without prior permission at the venue even for a temporary period.
- vii. The organisers shall not allow any children to participate in their proposed programme except those events which is children oriented.
- viii. No fireworks should be allowed during the rally / procession.

G: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISERS:

The organiser(s) shall:

- i. Obtain "No Objection Certificate" for meeting venue from appropriate authority.
- ii. Provide adequate arrangements for drinking water and First Aid/Medical Aid of the participants.
- iii. Provide and maintain adequate toilet facilities at site of protest and place of parking.
- iv. Undertake cleaning and sanitising work of identified area before and after the protest.
- v. Abide by all the guidelines, directions, orders and the extant laws, work in coordination with the public authority and co-operate with the authorities under all circumstances.
- vi. Submit an undertaking that he or she and his or her supporters shall follow all the Do's & Don'ts mentioned in this Standing Order in letter and spirit, failing which he or she along with other participants may be prosecuted under the law.
- vii. The organiser should deploy sufficient number of volunteers to render necessary assistance to the police personnel on duty. The organiser shall furnish full details of volunteers including photograph before the local Police Station to get Identity Card from local Police Station.
- viii. Further terms and conditions can be imposed by the competent authority and the same should be strictly complied by the organiser.

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**GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISING MEETING/ RALLY/ PROCESSIONS / MARCH
AT AND AROUND NABANNA:**

No Rally / Procession / March towards 'Nabanna' is allowed as 'Nabanna' comprises of many important Govt. Offices and is declared as a high security zone. Moreover, restrictions Under Section 163 of the Bharitiya Nagarik Surakha Sanhita, 2023 remains promulgated round the year at and around 'Nabanna'.

Public Meetings can be allowed with limited number of participants at some pre-identified locations. For the said purpose the following places have been identified, which are closer to 'Nabanna' and outside the restriction zone under section 163 of the Bharitiya Nagarik Surakha Sanhita, 2023:

- i. **MANDIRTALA BUS STAND:** This location offers a comparatively open space that can accommodate a limited number of individuals without significantly impeding traffic flow or posing a direct security threat to 'Nabanna'. A gathering of around 200 persons may be accommodated at this place.
- ii. **UNDER BANKIMSETU FLYOVER:** This location, also centrally located, has been used for public gatherings regularly and can be managed for assembly of 500 persons, ensuring that protesters do not advance towards 'Nabanna'.
- iii. **SANTRAGACHI BUS STAND:** This location is situated beside the Kona Expressway, has been used for public gatherings regularly and can be managed for assembly of 5000 persons, ensuring that protesters do not advance towards 'Nabanna'.

The alternate spots have been identified on the principle of minimum disturbance to residents, traffic and adequate space for protesters for demonstration in a regulated manner as shaded in the map attached in Annexure A and to ensure that traffic is not stopped, no gates of offices or residences are blocked, and no arterial roads are affected.

If the organisers want to submit deputation before any authority at Nabanna, then a separate application for the same purpose should be given addressing to the concerned authority and if allowed then Five to Ten persons may go to 'Nabanna' under proper police escort and submit deputation.


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