

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, HISAR

Order

Whereas, rising air pollution during the winter, specifically October to January months, is a serious health concern especially with regard to high levels of Particulate Matters (PM) such as PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> exceeding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) standards, 2009.

Whereas, several expert comments and other reports related to air pollution have indicated that during this time period, air pollution in the State of Haryana is at its peak and it has also been observed that various episodic events occurring during winter months aggravate air pollution levels in the State of Haryana;

Whereas, it is a well established scientific fact that high air pollution causes serious environmental risk with adverse effect on the health of people, particularly vulnerable sections of the population like children, elderly and people with pre-existing respiratory and heart disease, etc;

Whereas, amongst various events, emissions from bursting of fire crackers during Diwali and other festivals like Gurupurab, Christmas, New Year eve etc, not only release metal particles, dangerous toxins, harmful chemicals and noxious gases in the air but also increases particulate matters (PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>) concentration in ambient air vis-a-vis contributes to rise in pollution levels across Haryana.

Whereas, the issue of bursting of fire crackers and raising of air pollution has been taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal repeatedly and some of the landmark cases, with observations, are as under:

1. Writ Petition (Civil) No. 728 of 2015, titled as Arjun Gopal & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors., wherein Hon'ble Apex Court observed that "the health of the people in Delhi and in the NCR must take precedence over any commercial or other interests and, therefore, a graded regulation (of fire crackers) is necessary which would eventually result in prohibition." and also observed that "keeping in mind the adverse effect of Air Pollution, the human right to breathe clear air and the human right to health, the Central Government and other authorities should consider encouraging display fireworks through community participation rather than individual bursting offireworks. In addition Hon'ble Apex Court observed that Use of Reduced Emission firecrackers (Improved crackers) - (a) Avoidance of use of ash as desiccant or filler materials in crackers for reduction in particulate matters by 15-20%. These can be implemented subject to approval by PESO, and (b) usage of charcoal meeting specifications of explosives and pyrotechnics as prescribed by PESO. Use of Reduced Emission firecrackers (Green crackers: Safe water and air sprinklers (SWAS) - Low emission sound and light emitting functional crackers with PM reduction by 30-35% and significant reduction in NOx and SO2 due to in-situ water generation as dust suppressant

and low cost due to usage of low-cost oxidants. These can be implemented subject to approval by PESO."



2. OA No. 249/2020, titled as Tribunal on its own Motion versus Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change and others, whereby Hon'ble NGT imposed total ban on sale and use of all kind of fire crackers during COVID-19 pandemic in the NCR and all cities/town in the Country where the Ambient Air Quality under the Poor and above category, with further direction to restrict use of fire crackers in cities/towns, where air quality is moderate or below to green cracker only and for duration of not more than 2 hours and only for celebration of any specified festivals or permitted occasions.
3. Civil Appeal No. 2865-2867 of 2021 titled as Uttar Pradesh UdhogVyaparPratinidhi Mandal &Anr. Vs. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change &Anr. Etc., wherein Hon'ble Apex Court upheld the directions of Hon'ble Tribunal in OA No. 249/2020.
4. IA NO. 48692 of 2022 and IA NO. 104836 of 2023 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 728 of 2015 titled as Arjun Gopal & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors., wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court on its order dated 22/09/2023, rejected an interlocutory application (IA) filed by The Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorce Manufacturers Association (TANFAMA) to include reduced quantities of barium nitrate in firecrackers, reiterating the directions issued in 2019 and 2021.

Whereas, while rejecting the above mentioned IAs the Hon'ble Apex Court remarked that "at this stage allowing the use of Barium Nitrate merely because it is indicated that the formulation as a whole would be 30 per cent less polluting would in fact be a retrograde step as compared to the effort that has been put in by various orders of this Court. Therefore, at this stage, we are of the opinion that the prayer is not liable to be granted. Further, the same would also apply to the request which was made on behalf of some of the manufacturers to manufacture joined crackers."

WHEREAS, keeping in view of the above mentioned background and in public interest, it is necessary to prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) & all kinds of fire crackers, except for Green Crackers. Barium salts in fireworks are also to be banned, within the limits of District Hisar as the same causes huge air/noise pollution and solid waste problems.

Therefore, I, Anish Yadav, IAS, District Magistrate, Hisar by exercising the powers vested upon me by the virtue of Section 163, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, the Explosive Act, 1884 & the Explosive Rules and other enabling powers as District Magistrate, Hisar, do hereby **prohibit the manufacture, sale, bursting and use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris) & all kinds of fire crackers except for Green Crackers besides ban of barium salts in the fireworks, within the limits of District Hisar as the same causes huge air/noise pollution and solid waste problems, for the period from 20.10.2025 to 31.01.2026 except for the window given below:-**

The windows for bursting of Green Crackers shall be as follows: -

1. On Diwali days or on any other festivals like Gurgurab etc., when such fireworks generally take place, it would strictly be from 08:00 P.M. till 10:00 P.M. only.



2. On Christmas eve and New Year eve, when such fireworks start around midnight, i.e. 12:00 A.M., it would be from 11:55 P.M. till 12:30 A.M. only.

Moreover, no e-commerce websites, including Flipkart, Amazon, etc., shall accept any online orders and effect online sales in the district.

Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA No. 44727/2021, IA No. 48692/2022 & IA No. 104836/2023 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 728/2015, Civil Appeal No. 2865-2867 of 2021 and NGT OA No. 249/2020 be strictly complied with. Furthermore, the Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Hisar is hereby directed to monitor the air quality regularly and upload the data on the relevant websites as per the directions of the Hon'ble Apex Court and Central Pollution Control Board. All the Departments/Boards/Corporations/Individuals are directed to extend full cooperation for the same.

The Commissioner/Superintendent of Police, Hisar, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Hisar, all the Sub Divisional Magistrates, all Tehsildars/ Naib Tehsildars /BDPOs, DSPs, E.O./ Secretary, Municipal Committees, SHOs of all Police Stations, Fire Officers, Distt. Hisar and other fire office staff shall enforce this order in letter and spirit. All the above mentioned officers are hereby directed to conduct raids to enforce this order and submit reports about the same, on a daily basis, to the office of the undersigned.

Non-compliance/violation of this order shall attract relevant penal action as per the relevant sections of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 Explosives Act, 1884 & Explosive Rules, 2008.

The District Information and Public Relation Officer, Hisar is directed to make the public aware about ill and harmful effects of fireworks and caution people about the health hazards on bursting of firecrackers, through nukkadnataks, print and electronic media. The knowledge how to identify green crackers from conventional one shall also be publicized heavily. Further, he is directed to give wide publicity to this order throughout the District, Hisar and this order should be sent to the press for wide publicity. DIO is directed to upload the order on official website [www.hisar.gov.in](http://www.hisar.gov.in). of District Administration.

In view of the emergent situation, this order is passed ex-parte and is addressed to the public at large.

Dated: 09.10.2025

Place: Hisar

  
District Magistrate  
Hisar

Endst. No. 1574-1604 /PL

Dated: 10 /10/2025

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information & necessary action:-

1. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Home Department, Chandigarh.
3. Director, General of Police, Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Commissioner, Hisar Division, Hisar.
5. Additional Director General of Police, Hisar Range, Hisar.
6. Additional Director General of Police, CID, Haryana, Chandigarh.
7. District and Session Judge, Hisar.
8. All the District Magistrates in the State.
9. Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Hisar.
10. District Municipal Commissioner, Hisar.
11. Superintendent of Police, Hisar.
12. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hisar.
13. Secretary, RTA, Hisar.
14. Sub. Divisional Magistrate, Hisar/Hansi/Barwala/Narnaund.
15. District Revenue Officer, Hisar.
16. District Development & Panchayat Officer, Hisar.
17. Chief Executive Officer Zila Parishad, Hisar.
18. Civil Surgeon, Hisar.
19. D.I.P.R.O. for wide publicity in the district Hisar.
20. DIO, NIC, Hisar.
21. All BDPOs in the district.
22. All Tehsildars/NaibTehsildars in the district Hisar.
23. Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Hisar.
24. All Head of Department/Officer in the Distt. Hisar.
25. Fire Officer, Fire Station, Distt. Hisar.
26. EO, MC, Hansi/Barwala/Narnaund.
27. Secretary, MC, Uklana.
28. P.A to DM/ Reader to DM/Steno to CTM.

  
District Magistrate  
Hisar