

Subject: - Proceedings of the Meeting taken with the representative of marriage palaces and jokies (Sound System operators) of District Barnala on 22/04/2015 for the awareness of provisions of 'The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 & Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.

In the monthly review meeting held on 09/03/2015, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Board discussed about the control of noise and management of municipal solid waste. He empathizes that it is a very important and serious issue and desired that awareness of these rules is required among the representative of marriage palaces and jokies (Sound System operators). It was also decided that all regional offices should hold meeting with all the marriage palaces and jokies (Sound System operators) in the month of April to guide them regarding the ban of loud speaker in time schedule of 10.0 pm to 6.0 am as provided in the noise rules. Accordingly, a meeting was organized by this office on 22/04/2015 with the representatives of marriage palaces and jokies (Sound System operators) of Distt. Barnala on 22/04/2015. The following members were present during meeting:-

1. Sh. Ravipal Garg, AEE, PPCB, RO, Sangrur.
2. Sh. Kuldeep Sood, President of Marriage Palace Association, M/s Green Palace, Barnala.
3. Sh. Ashok Kumar, M/s Royal Palace, Tapa, Barnala.
4. Sh. Satish Garg, M/s Shiva Resorts, Barnala.
5. Sh. Bhushan Singla, M/s Singla Palace, Barnala.
6. Sh. Rupinder Singh, M/s Party Land Farms, Barnala.
7. Sh. Surinder Mittal, M/s Marry Land Resorts, Barnala.
8. Sh. Gurpreet Singh, M/s Castle Resorts, Barnala.
9. Sh. Sandeep Kumar, M/s Kapil Palace, Barnala.
10. Sh. Parminder Singh, M/s Apna Palace, Dhanaula, Barnala.
11. Sh. Ashok Kumar, M/s Peda D.J System, Tapa, Barnala.
12. Sh. Bunty, M/s Bunty D.J& Sound, Barnala.
13. Sh. Sanjeev Bansal, M/s Shakti Marriage Resorts, Dhanaula, Barnala.
14. Sh. Vinod Kumar, M/s Golden Resorts, Dhanaula, Barnala.
15. Sh. Ram Kumar, M/s Aman Palace, Gurma, Barnala.
16. Sh. Sadhu Singh, M/s Grewal Resorts, Barnala.
17. Sh. Bhagh Singh, M/s Deep Palace, Dhanaula, Barnala.
18. Sh. Gurdeep Singh, M/s Kartar Resorts, Pakhoke, Barnala.
19. Sh. Jagroop Singh, M/s Hira Resorts, Mehal Kalan, Barnala.

In the start of meeting, Sh. Ravipal Garg, AEE on behalf of Punjab Pollution Control Board welcomed all the representatives of marriage palaces & jokies (Sound System operators) present in the meeting. At the outset, representatives of the marriage palaces & jokies (Sound System operators) were made aware about the following provisions of Noise Pollution (Regulation and

Control) Rules, 2000 & Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 :-

1. Authority to implement & regulate the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 is any authority or officers authorized by the Central Govt., or as the case may be, the State Govt. in accordance with the laws in force and includes at District Magistrate, Police Commissioner, or any other officer not below the rank of the Deputy Superintendent of Police designated for maintenance of the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise under any law for the time being in force.
2. The noise level in an any area / zone shall not exceed the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise as specified of noise. The ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different areas / zones as per the noise rules are as under:-

Area code	category of area / Zone	Limits in dB (A)Leq	
		Day time (06:00 am to 10:00 pm)	Night time (10:00 pm to 06:00 am)
a	Industrial area	75	70
b	Commercial area	65	55
c	Residential area	55	45
d	Silence Zone	50	40

Note:- Salient zone is an area comprising not less than 100 mtrs around Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Courts, Religious Places or Any other area which is declared as such by the competent authority.

3. The noise levels in any area / zone shall not exceed the above mentioned ambient noise standards and the owner of the marriage palace is bound to comply with the said standards.
4. A loud speaker or a public address system shall not be issued at night between 10:00 p.m to 6:00 a.m) except in closed premises for communication within, e.g. auditoria, conference rooms, community halls an banquet halls. A person may, if the noise level exceeds the ambient noise standards by 10 dB (A) or more given in the corresponding columns against any area / zone make a complaint to the authority.
5. A District Magistrate or Police Commissioner, or any other officer empowered to impose section 144 CrP.C. may pass such order under his area of jurisdiction, prohibiting the use of loud speakers / public address system in public function / marriage palaces etc. in violation of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. In case of any violation of such order, the authorized officer should proceed in terms of section 188 IPC against the person violating such orders.

The representative of the marriage palaces & jokies (Sound System operators) appreciate the steps taken by Punjab Pollution Control Board regarding noise pollution and they also told that they are already complying with the provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. But, sometimes the people in marriage enforce them to continue the D.J System after 10:00 pm. They also assured that

in future they will comply with all the provisions of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 with true spirit.

After discussion with the representatives of marriage palaces and jokies (Sound System operators), the important instructions given to them are as under:-

1. Display Board regarding not to use the loud speaker after 10:00 pm shall be provided on the prominent places in the marriage palace.
2. No D.J / Music System operator will be allowed to operate the D.J / Music System by the owner of marriage palace beyond 10:00 pm in any case and shall seek permission of the competent authority for the operation of D.J / Music System till 10:00 pm.
3. The owner of marriage palace and D.J / Music System shall ensure the compliance of ambient noise standards prescribed in the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and the provisions of these rules, and in case of violation, action as deemed fit under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and shall be taken by the competent authority.
4. The solid waste generated during the function should be properly handled and disposed off in an Environmental Sound Manner & comply with all the provisions of Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.
5. All the marriage palaces will operate their STP regularly and effectively. They were also advised to use the treated water for plantation inside the premises of marriage palaces.
6. The President of Marriage Palace Association was requested to convey the message to all the members of association who are not present in the meeting.

The meeting was ended with thank to the Chair.