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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Home Department-Restricting the sale, use and bursting of firecrackers during Festival seasons-Orders issued.

HOME (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.3212/2023/HOME Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 06-11-2023

1 Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in OA Read No:249/2020 dated 05-11-2020.

2 Letter No:KSPCB/HO/EE4/DEEPAWALI-2023 dated 30-10-2023 from the Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per the order read above, the Hon'ble Green Tribunal has issued the direction that the cities/towns where air quality is 'moderate' or below, only green crackers be sold and the timings for use and bursting of crackers be restricted to two hours during festivals like Diwali, Chatt, New Year/Christmas Eve etc. It is also directed that if nothing is specified by the State, timing will be 8 to 10 pm on Diwali and Gurupurb, 6 am to 8 am on Chatt and 11.55 pm to 12.30 am during Christmas and New Year eve.

2. The State Pollution Control Board as per the letter read above, requested to take urgent measures for controlling air pollution by restricting/regulating the use and bursting of the fire crackers during Deepavali festival. It is informed that in Kerala ambient air quality index of the cities/towns has not gone below 'moderate' category as per the monthly average data between September 2022 and September 2023 and hence usage and bursting of green crackers can be allowed for 2 hours with the specified timing of 8 pm to 10pm, during the Deepavali festival.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to restrict the timings for use and bursting of fire crackers for a maximum of two hours between 8 pm and 10 pm on Deepavali and

between 11.55 pm and 12.30 am on Christmas as well as New Year. It is also ordered that the sale of Green Crackers alone are allowed in the State.

4. District Magistrates and District Police Chiefs shall ensure strict compliance.

(By order of the Governor)
RAJENDRAN CHETTIYAR K
DEPUTY SECRETARY

The State Police Chief, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commissioner of Land Revenue, Kerala, Tvpm.

The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Tvpm.

All District Collectors

All District Police Chiefs

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