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Madam,

LOUDSPEAKERS THE WEAPON

I have the honor to request that, this letter may please be considered seriously for a favorable action.

As a victim of intentional torture with loudspeakers, I would like to submit some humble suggestions for modifying the existing order of the honorable DGP, to make it fool-proof for saving the poor citizens from the evil weapon.

The order by the honorable DGP, restricting the use of loudspeakers is useless for the following reasons:-

1. The order says loudspeakers can not be used between 10pm and 6am, but anti-social elements use it from around 4.15am onwards.
2. The order says loudspeakers can not be used without the permission from Dy SP or above, but anti-social elements use it without permission.
3. The order says loudspeakers can not be used around 100 meters of places of worship, but anti-social elements use it right in front of places of worship with the permission from Police officer.
4. The order says the use of loudspeakers should be stopped immediately by a police officer not less than the rank of SI in case of any objection/complaint, but here the SI will support and encourage the anti-social elements to use the loudspeakers to intentionally torture/harass the poor innocent public residing around.

The loop-holes in the order, is the cause with which the anti-social elements, fool the Police as well as the public.

The actual program may be for hardly 2 hours, for example "Serving of gruel" or "Ayyappan kettu" where the loudspeakers are not at all required, but the anti-social elements who are adamant in using the loudspeakers to exploit the poor innocent public, get permission some how for whole day and torture/harass the public intentionally from around 4am onwards by playing the pre-recorded cassettes till 10.30 or 11pm. And if you seek help from Police, you will end up in disappointment.

My humble suggestions which may help the poor innocent citizens from the intentional torture with the loudspeakers by anti-social elements:-

1. Mike Permission should not be given for playing pre-recorded cassettes/CDs. Permission should be given for strictly genuine live public addressing/stage programs only. (Special Permission may be given for playing Pre-recorded cassettes/CDs for the stage programs where it is very essential such as dance etc. having music combinations)
2. Permission should be given for HOURS instead of DAYS.
3. Permission should not be given to any group from a residents association/colony for making nuisance in the area belongs to other residents associations. (Permission may be given for using loudspeakers, strictly in their own residents association area only).
4. Permission should not be given for placing the loudspeakers on street/road side or focusing it towards the street, road, houses, offices, places of worship etc. (They should have enough space to accommodate the audience, and all the loudspeakers should focus inwards towards the audience, not to focus outwards without any audience. Other wise they may have some hall/auditorium booked for the purpose)
5. A site plan must be submitted by the permission seeker, showing the position and focus of the loudspeakers, nearest streets, roads, houses, offices, places of worship etc. and should be verified by Police.
6. Reasonably high fees should be taken for mike permission per hour per loudspeaker box.

7. An amount of Rs.1000 or more should be taken as deposit and the amount should not be returned in case of any complaint on misuse of the permission. Plus the Penalty of Rs.1 lakh or 5 years of imprisonment.

8. There should be minimum 50 meters of distance between boxes which contains strictly two speakers. (Except in programs such as "Ganamela" by famous troupe)

9. Each box should have a clear copy of the permission clearly pasted for verification by the public, which should contain:

a) The Purpose of the mike permission.

b) Timing (From - To) of the mike permission.

c) The Rank, Name, Office Address, Telephone No: and the signature of the issuing officer.

d) All the item used will be taken in custody, In case of any complaint regarding misuse of this order. Plus the Penalty of Rs.1 lakh or 5 years of imprisonment.

I humbly request for considering this suggestions to save the poor innocent citizens from the torture with loudspeakers.

Yours Sincerely,