

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**

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PRESS NOTE

Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A. No. 44727/2021 in Writ Petition (C) NO. 728/2015 dated 29.10.2021 is published for information and strict compliance by all concerned, during the Diwali festival.

- i) The bursting of Green firecrackers shall be permitted for only two hours duration. In Puducherry, it is being adopted one hour in the morning (i.e) from 06.00 am to 07.00 am and one hour in the evening (i.e) from 07.00 pm to 08.00 pm.
- ii) Green Crackers shall be permitted in lieu of other crackers having detrimental effects on the environment.
- iii) Fireworks shall not be burst in silence zones that is, an area atleast 100 meters away from hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district health-care centres, educational institutions, courts, religious places or any other area that may be declared as a silence zone by the concerned authorities.
- iv) Fireworks with sound level exceeding 125 dB (AI) at 4 meters distance from the point for bursting is prohibited.
- v) Considering the health of public and for environmental protection the use of Barium Salt in the firecrackers and use of joined crackers are banned; Manufacture, Sale, Storage and Transporting them across the country have also been banned as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court direction.
- vi) Use of joined firecrackers (series crackers or laris or Saravedi) is banned for manufacture, use and sale.

People are advised to celebrate the Diwali festival responsibly so that their action does not lead to environmental pollution. Puducherry Pollution Control Committee is making a sincere appeal to people of Puducherry to celebrate the festival of lights in harmony with nature.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Green Deepavali.

**MEMBER SECRETARY
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**