NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. 14 - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 46 of the Police Act, (Act No. 5 of 1951) as amended by the Police (Pondicherry Amendment) Act, 1966 (Act No. 6 of 1966), the Lieutenant-Governor, Pondicherry, hereby makes the following rules, namely:

1. (1) These rules may be called the Pondicherry Meetings, Assemblies and Processions (Regulation) Rules, 1967.

   (2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Any person who desires to convene or hold a meeting or to conduct an assembly or procession in any public place shall at least twenty-four hours of the scheduled time, meeting, assembly or procession, inform in writing the Inspector-General of Police, Pondicherry or the concerned district superintendent of Police of the region the scheduled time and the place or locality where such meeting, assembly or procession is to be convened or at which the case may be the route by which and time at which the procession is intended to be taken out.

3. No person shall convene or hold a meeting at any public place at which another meeting is to be held at which not less than twenty-four hours previous notice has been given to the Inspector-General of Police or to any other officer authorised by him in this behalf or any place within one hundred yards thereof.
4. The Inspector-General of Police, Pondicherry (or the concerned District Superintendent of Police of the region) may, from time to time, if occasion so requires, direct the conduct of all assemblies and processions in public places and prescribe the route by which, and the time at which, such processions may pass, keep order in public places and prevent obstructions on the occasion of such assemblies and processions on the public roads and in the public streets or in the neighbourhood of places of worship, during the time of public worship and in any case when public place may be thoroughly or may be liable to be obstructed.

5. (1) The Inspector-General of Police, Pondicherry or the District Superintendent of Police of the concerned region may require the persons convening or collecting an assembly or a meeting or directing or promoting a procession by general or special notice to apply in Form A for a licence for the conduct of such assembly, meeting or procession if such assembly, meeting or procession would, in the judgment of the Magistrate or Subdivisional Magistrate having jurisdiction over the area, if uncontrolled, be likely to cause a breach of peace.

(2) On receipt of such application, the Inspector-General of Police or District Superintendent of Police, as the case may be, may grant the licence on such terms and conditions specified therein or fix the time of such meetings and regulate route of the processions, taking into consideration the public safety and convenience at the time.

6. Any person who contravenes the provisions of these rules or any of the conditions of the licence issued thereunder shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

7. Nothing contained in these Rules shall apply to funeral processions or processions or assemblies of religious or customary character.

FORM A

See Rule 5 (1).

1. Name and address of the applicant:

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Vide Sec. 3 of the Pondicherry meeting, assemblies and processions (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules 1970 published vide Pondicherry Extra-Ordinary Gazette No.95, 8 September 1970.