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In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of Section 46 of the Police Act, 1861, read with clause (vi) of Section 24-A of the said Act, the Lieutenant Governor, Pondicherry, hereby makes the following rules, namely:

1. These rules may be called the Pondicherry Sound Amplifier and Loud Speaker Licensing Rules, 1967.

2. They shall come into force at once.

3. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires—
   (a) "Act" means the Police Act, 1861 as amended by the Police (Pondicherry Amendment) Act, 1966;
   (b) "licensing authority" means the Inspector-General of Police, Pondicherry, or any other police officer authorised in this behalf.

4. No person shall use a sound amplifier or loud speaker without obtaining a licence in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

5. No sound amplifier or loud speaker shall be used in a hospital, place of worship or an educational institution and any other public institution situated in that locality and specified in the licence.

6. No person shall use a sound amplifier or a loud speaker within a radius of distance as may be specified by the licensing authority from a hospital, place of worship or an educational institution and any other public institution situated in that locality and specified in the licence.

7. Any Police Sub-Inspector may require any party to stop using or remove any
sound amplifier or loud speaker the using of which may be a nuisance or cause obstruction and it shall be stopped or removed, as the case may be, immediately.

7. Any Police officer on duty not below the rank of Sub-Inspector may issue any sound amplifier or loud speaker or other instrument used in amplifying which has been or appears to have been used in contravention of any of the conditions of the licence.

8. The application of licence shall be sent to the licensing authority. A fee of Rs. 2 shall be paid for each licence for the use of sound amplifier or loud speaker for a period not exceeding three hours. An additional fee of Rs. 2 shall be paid for any extension of the said period of three hours, irrespective of the duration of extension applied for. The fee shall be remitted in the State Bank of India, Puducherry, or the Superintendent of Police Reserve, as the case may be, under the head "Fire Police Fee Income and Forfeiture of Amplifier and Loud Speaker" and the challan enclosed along with the application.

9. The licence shall be issued by the licensing authority or any Police officer authorized in this behalf. Every licence issued shall be subject to such conditions as may be specified by the licensing authority in the licence.

10. No sound amplifier or loud speaker installed in any place shall be operated before 9:00 AM and after 10:00 PM.

11. No sound amplifier or loudspeaker in any place shall be used for more than three hours at a time.

12. The sound coming from an amplifier or loud speaker in homes, hotels, restaurants, coffee shops and commercial units shall not be carried beyond 50 meters and public places.

13. The Licensing authority or any other Police officer authorized in this behalf may exempt any person or class of persons from all or any of the provisions of these rules subject to such condition as the Licensing authority may deem fit.

14. Any person who uses a sound amplifier or loud speaker without obtaining a licence or contravenes any of the provisions of these rules or any of the conditions of the licence issued therein shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month.

/(By order of the Lieutenant Governor) /

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Under Secretary to Government