ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE.

WHEREAS, the process of General Election to the Panchayats and Municipality- 2020 has started in the U. T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. It has come to my knowledge through reliable sources that there is a strong possibility that Anti -Social and undesirable elements may try to spread ill-will between communities on the basis of Communalism, castism, political rivalry and religious and linguistic basis or they may do other anti – social or undesirable activities which can lead to serious situations of the breach of peace & security and law & order.

After due consideration on above situations and information, I am convinced that it is necessary to maintain law & order and peace & security, especially during the Election time.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers under section 144 of code of Criminal Procedure 1973, (No.2 of 1974) I, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, IAS, District Magistrate, Daman in order to maintain peace & security and law & order during General Election to the Panchayats and Municipality- 2020 in the U. T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu at Daman District, hereby issue following orders:

1. Without the prior written permission of the District Election Officer/ Returning Officer of General Election to the Panchayats and Municipality-2020 at Daman District jurisdiction, five or more than five people will not gather in a group at a public place nor will they organize any public meeting and carry out any procession.

2. No party or person will move with fire arms, lathi, stick, knife, hockey stick, dagger, khukhri, sword or any other sharp edged weapon, firecrackers, bomb or any other gunpowder or any weapon without gunpowder which may be used to threaten the common people or for committing any crimes. The above restrictions to move with above mentioned weapon or lathi will not be applicable to the police posted on the duty and official employees. The old and infirm people may carry with themselves sticks to walk if they are unable to move without it. Restrictions will not be applicable on the weapons permissible to be kept by law or any other administrative order.

3. No person will use mobile phones or wireless etc. devices inside the polling booth / counting centre.
4. No person, political party, candidate will do anything which is in violation of the Model Code of Conduct or the instructions of the Election Commission for UTs.

5. No party or person will bring their vehicles within 200 meters inside the polling station/ counting centre.

6. No party will violate the Model Code of Conduct.

The above order is issued *ex-parte* keeping in view the emergency situation and sensitivity of General Election to the Panchayats and Municipality-2020 and for lack of time for possibility of giving a chance to the opposition for the hearing.

The above restrictions will be applicable in the jurisdiction of the U. T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu at Daman District till the completion of General Election to the Panchayats and Municipality-2020.

This order shall come into force and shall be effective with immediate effect from 14/10/2020 to 12/11/2020 unless withdrawn earlier.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

( DR. RAKESH MINHAS ) IAS, COLLECTOR/DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, DAMAN

To,

1. The D.I.G. of Police, Daman.
2. The Deputy Collector (HQ)SDM, Daman.
3. The Executive Magistrate/Mamlatdar, Daman.
4. The Executive Magistrate/B.D.O, Daman.
5. The Chief Officer, Daman Municipal Council, Daman.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, Daman.
7. The Field Publicity Officer, Daman to publish in the local newspapers.
8. The SIO., NIC to upload on the Daman Website of Collectorate, Daman.
9. The President, Bhartiya Janata Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.
10. The President, Indian National Congress Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.
11. The President, National Congress Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.
12. The President, Samajwadi Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.
13. The President, Janta Dal (U), Daman & Diu, Daman.
14. The President, Bahujan Samajwadi Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.
15. The President, Aam Admi Party, Daman & Diu, Daman.

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1. PS to Hon'ble Administrator, DNH and DD, Secretariat, Daman.
2. P.A. to Advisor, Hon'ble Administrator, DNH and DD, Secretariat, Daman.