



**OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
LICENSING DIVISION, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI**

CIRCULAR

No. 370/Licensing Unit (Explosive Section), dated New Delhi the 16/10/2025.

Subject: Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 15.10.2025 in W.P. (C) No. 13029 of 1985 and connected matters- Permitting Sale and Use of Green Crackers in Delhi-NCR during Diwali.

1. Introduction

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its Order dated 15.10.2025 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029 of 1985, read with earlier directions issued in W.P. (C) No. 728/2015 (*Arjun Gopal & Others vs. Union of India & Others*), has granted a temporary and conditional relaxation in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) for the sale and use of NEERI-approved green firecrackers during Diwali 2025. The following guidelines are issued to facilitate timely issuance of license to the applicant in consonance to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 15/10/2025. Detailed guidelines for grant of temporary fireworks license including format of application, checklist, inspection/verification and grant of license etc. Have already been issued vide Standing Order No. Lic. & leg./32/2022. The following instructions are to be read along with the aforesaid Standing Order.

2. Period and Types of Firecrackers

- i. Only NEERI-approved green firecrackers shall be permitted for sale and use.
- ii. Each packet of firecrackers shall display a QR code.
- iii. Firecrackers containing barium or any other non-NEERI certified components are strictly prohibited.
- iv. Series/laris type firecrackers shall remain banned.
- v. Sale of green firecrackers is permitted only for three days — from 18.10.2025 to 20.10.2025.
- vi. Use of firecrackers shall be restricted to two time slots on 19th and 20th October, 2025 (the day before and the day of Diwali):
 - a. 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM, and
 - b. 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

3. Licensing for Sale of Green Firecrackers

In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions, temporary retail licenses for the sale of green firecrackers shall be issued by the District Deputy Commissioners of Police (Licensing Authority) in accordance with

the Explosives Act, 1884 and Explosives Rules, 2008, subject to the conditions below:

(a) Eligibility and Application

- i. No sale or purchase of firecrackers shall take place through e-commerce platforms, courier, postal services, mobile sale or doorstep sale.
- ii. Import/transportation of firecrackers into NCR from other regions is prohibited.
- iii. The applicant must:
 - a. Be at least 18 years of age;
 - b. Not be addicted to intoxication, nor be of unsound mind;
 - c. Not have been convicted under the Explosives Act or any law relating to public safety.
- iv. Applications shall be submitted to the concerned District DCP Office. The Prescribed Application is available at the URL of Delhi Police Licensing Unit (<https://licensing.delhipolice.gov.in/>) for download. A hard copy of the application form is also available at the office of every jurisdictional District Deputy Commissioner of Police.
- v. Applications, in the prescribed Form AE-5 (as per Rule 113 of the Explosives Rules, 2008), must include the following:
 - a. Two self-attested recent passport-size photographs of the applicant.
 - b. A detailed site plan clearly showing approach roads, electrical wiring, nearby structures, distances from protected works, and locations of transformers or telephone junctions.
 - c. Photographs of the premises from all directions, depicting adequate clearance from other shops of similar nature.
 - d. Proof of residence.
 - e. Proof of ownership/tenancy in case of rented premises.
 - f. In case of temporary sheds, a copy of the application submitted to the land-owning agency for obtaining NOC/Tehbazari for the temporary fireworks shop.

Processing Timeline:

Considering the short time window of 3 days from 18-20 October, 2025 within which firecrackers can be sold, all applications should be scrutinized on immediate basis and as far as possible, decision regarding grant of licenses should be finalized by the concerned District DCPs by 17/18.10.2025, after completing all codal formalities, including inspection of the premises.

(b) License Type and Validity

The District DCP may issue Temporary Fireworks Retail License (Form LE-5 under the Explosives Rules, 2008) as per Standing Order No. Lic & Leg./32/2022.

- i. The license shall remain valid only for three days — from 18.10.2025 to 20.10.2025.
- ii. Stock Limit: Maximum of 600 kg. (100 kg. + 500 kg. as per Schedule-I of Explosives Rules, 2008) of NEERI-approved green firecrackers per licensee.

(c) Designated Locations

- i. Sale shall be permitted only from designated locations finalized jointly by the District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) and the District DCP.
- ii. Designated sites shall be identified keeping in view public safety, accessibility, fire safety measures, and crowd management requirements.
- iii. The shop must be located on a commercial street or within a commercial shopping complex, in accordance with the provisions of the Master Plan for Delhi-2021.

4. Enforcement and Patrolling

- i. Each District DCP shall constitute patrolling teams to maintain surveillance and ensure strict compliance at designated sale locations. The patrolling team may have representative from the DPCC/State Pollution Control Board and the District Administration (Revenue Department).
- ii. Mandate and Duties:
 - a. Patrolling teams shall familiarize themselves with the list of NEERI-approved green crackers, available on the NEERI website, and verify QR Codes issued to registered manufacturers.
 - b. Teams shall conduct regular reconnaissance and surprise checks to ensure only permitted products with valid QR Codes are being sold.
 - c. Random samples may be collected for testing and verification, and forwarded to PESO for analysis.

5. Public Information and Awareness

The Perception Management Cell, PHQ, shall undertake extensive public outreach to disseminate the following information:

- i. Notified sale locations,
- ii. Permissible time slots for use of firecrackers, and
- iii. Restriction to green firecrackers only.

Awareness campaigns shall be carried out through press releases, social media platforms, public announcements, and local information channels. Each District DCP shall also ensure adequate local awareness regarding the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions on the sale and use of green firecrackers.

6. Prosecution and Penal Action

- i. Appropriate legal action shall be initiated against any person found possessing or selling explosives/fireworks without a valid license, or in violation of license conditions, under Rule 88 of the Explosives Rules, 2008, read with Section 9(b) of the Explosives Act, 1884.
- ii. This is in addition to action under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
- iii. Any non-green or non-NEERI-approved firecrackers detected shall be seized and confiscated.
- iv. Licenses/registrations of traders found selling unauthorized or prohibited firecrackers are liable to be suspended or cancelled, apart from aforementioned penal action.

7. Reporting

All Districts shall compile and forward a consolidated report of applications received for temporary licenses, along with recommendations, to the Licensing Unit, Delhi Police, in the prescribed format at **Annexure "A"**. This will ensure uniformity, transparency, and proper record maintenance of all applications processed at the district level.

In addition, each district shall submit a separate report detailing action taken in respect of any violations, irregularities, or non-compliance by licensed entities. Such reports shall be forwarded to the Licensing Unit, Delhi Police, in the prescribed format at **Annexure "B"**, to facilitate monitoring and follow-up action at Police Headquarters.


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Joint Commissioner of Police,
Licensing Division

No. 370/Licensing Unit (Explosive Section), dated New Delhi the 16/10/2025
Copy to:

1. All Special Commissioners of Police, Delhi
2. All Joint/Additional Commissioners of Police, Delhi
3. All District Deputy Commissioners of Police, Delhi
4. Licensing Unit, Delhi Police HQ, Delhi
5. OSD to Ld. Chief Secretary, GNCT of Delhi, Delhi
6. Divisional Commissioner (Revenue), GNCT of Delhi, Delhi for necessary action.
7. Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), Delhi for necessary action.
8. Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), Delhi for necessary action.
9. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi for necessary action.
10. Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) for information.

District :

No. of application received	No. of License granted	No. of applications rejected	Remarks, if any

Date:

Signature

DCP/District

District :

Police Station	Violations observed at Licensed entity	Seizure Made	Action Taken

Police Station	No. of cases registered	Seizure Made	Action Taken

Police Station	Case FIR No., U/s, dated	Brief facts of the case	Remarks

Date

Signature
DCP/District