



GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

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Sub: Prohibition/Ban on Sale/Possession/Consumption of Tobacco Products and Gutka.

ORDER

Whereas, the consumption of tobacco (chewable & non-chewable) products including cigarettes pose significant risks to public health, contributing to various serious diseases including cancer, respiratory illnesses, and cardiovascular diseases; and

Whereas, there is a growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating the harmful effects of tobacco use on both smokers and non-smokers; and

Whereas, the town of Katra is the base camp of Shri Mata Vashino Devi and is visited by more than 10 million people every year; and

Whereas, in view of religious Sanctity of Katra Town, Sale, Possession and Consumption of Liquor and Meat is already banned in Katra Town (8Km radius); and

Whereas, it has further been made to appear to me that now as the Yatra to the Holy cave has increased manifold and Large numbers of devotees, from all over the country and abroad are visiting the Holy Shrine, everyday, throughout the year. Thus, the requirement of prohibition of sale/possession/consumption of Tobacco products including Gutka (Chewable & non-chewable), cigarettes and other related products has become expedient to be extended in time to uphold the religious sentiments of Yatries and holiness of the pilgrimage; and

Whereas, it is the duty of this governing body to protect the health and well-being of its citizens.

Now, In view of above, **I, Vishesh Paul Mahajan(JKAS), District Magistrate, Reasi** by virtue of powers vested in me under section 144 Cr.PC do hereby prohibit/restrict the sale/possession/consumption of Tobacco products including Gutka (Chewable & non-chewable), Cigarettes and other related products in Sub Division Katra within the following boundaries :

1. From Nomain Check Post, from Panthal Naka and from the start Point of Tarakote Track to Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan including track.

Since, it is not possible to serve prior notice of this order, it is as such being issued ex-parte. Any violation of this order shall invite strict punitive action under section 188 of Indian Penal code.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Reasi shall implement this order in letter & spirit.

Issued under my seal and signature today on 31-05-2024.

(Signature)
31/05/2024
Vishesh Paul Mahajan, JKAS
District Magistrate,
Reasi

No:-DM/Rsi/2024-25/JC/2247-63

Dated:- 31-05-2024

Copy to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K for kind information.
2. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K for kind information.
3. Divisional Commissioner Jammu for kind information.
4. Additional Director General of Police (ZPHQ), Jammu for kind information.
5. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, for kind information.
6. DIG, Udhampur/Reasi Range for kind information.
7. Sr. Superintendent of Police Reasi for information & n/a. .
8. Additional District Magistrate, Reasi for information & n/a.
9. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K for kind information of Worthy Chief Secretary.
10. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Katra/Bhawan for information & n/a.
11. Tehsildar Katra for Information & n/a.
12. District Informatics Officer Reasi for uploading this order on the official Web Site of District Reasi
13. District Information Officer Reasi for wide circulation of this order through publication in atleast two daily news papers.
14. Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Katra for Information & n/a.