NO.1203(1)/DM/D1/GEPLA/2021 GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE-cum-DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, PUDUCHERRY

CLARIFICATION ISSUED IN PURSUANCE OF THE ORDER DT. 04.04.2021 IN WP NO. 8980 OF 2021 BY THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Ref: This Office Order No.1203/DM/D1/GEPLA/2021, dated 22.03.2021 issued under Section 144 of Cr. P. C.

WHEREAS, an Order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. has been issued, by this Office, vide reference cited hereinabove;

- 2. AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras, vide Order dated 04.04.2021 in Writ Petition No.8980 of 2021, has directed to issue clarification to the above said order issued by this office;
- 3. NOW THEREFORE, in due compliance of the said direction of the Hon'ble High Court, the following clarifications to the above referred order of this office, are issued:
- (i) The expression, "Prohibit the unlawful assembly and movement" appearing in the order, will not stand in the way of citizens going about their normal business and chores, and gathering for private functions. The prohibition in the above referred order, shall not deter friends and family congregating together to go to vote and celebrate the festival of democracy in proper spirit;

(ii) It is made abundantly clear that the prohibition of unlawful assembly and movement in terms of the relevant order will not affect the usual life of citizens as they go about their business and chores.

Dated at Puducherry on this the 04th day of April 2021.

(PURVA GARG., I.A.S) DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

The Director of Stationery & Printing, Purtucherry

for publishing the order in an extraordinary issue of State Gazette immediately.

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- 3. The Supdt. of Police (Elections/North/South/East/West/Mahe/Yanam), Puducherry
- 4. The Director of Information & Publicity, Puducherry.....to make wide publicity.

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