

THE PUNJAB INSTRUMENTS (CONTROL OF NOISES ACT, 1956)

AN-ACT - To control the use and play of instruments such as loud speakers, microphones and amplifiers. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. 1) This act may be called the Punjab Instruments (control of Noises) Act , 1956.
- 2) It shall come into force in such areas and on such dates as the Central Government may notify in the Official Gazette; direct.

Definition:-

2. In this act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

“Instrument” means a loud speaker, an amplifier and such other apparatus for the play of sounds as may be declared to be an instruments under this act by the (Central Government).

Restriction on Use of Instruments:-

3. No person shall use or operate any instrument in or upon any premises at such pitch or volume as to be audible beyond the precincts there of except under the written permission of the District Magistrate or any officer authorized by him in this behalf under such conditions as may be attached to it.
4. No person shall use or operate any instrument between ten O'clock in the night and six O' clock in the morning except with the written permission of the District Magistrate or any officer authorized by him in this behalf and under such conditions as may be attached to it.

Fee:-

5. No permission under section 3 or section 4 shall be given unless the application for permission bears a court fee stamp of the value calculated at the rate of five rupees for every day of part there of in respect of which the permission is sought provided that where the permission is refused or given for a period which is less than the one applied for the amount of fee shall be refunded wholly or proportionately as the case may be.

Penalty:-

6. Whoever contravenes the provisions of the Act shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.