

**TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN : AGARTALA
PIN – 799006**

Complaint No. 110 of 2025

Complainant : Sri Sambhuti Ranjan Bhattacharjee)

FINAL ORDER

Dated : 24.09.2025

One Sri Sambhuti Ranjan Bhattacharjee, Secretary, Ashray Awasik Kalyan Samity, Ashray Kunjaban Agartala, has approached this Commission complaining against noise pollution due to abnormal volume of sound out of the use of DJ Box including many other sound systems during the celebration of different kind of puja/prayer ceremonies. The complainant, particularly, expressed his concern to the use of such sound system in an around the hospitals, old aged Homes, Schools and other important public places. The complainant asserted that such noise pollution hazards physical and mental health of the old aged persons staying at different Homes, the patient admitted in hospitals, which amount to serious violation of fundamental and human rights of the citizen of the State.

2. Under order dated 01.09.2025 this Commission had taken cognizance of the complaint and issued notices to the concerned Government organisations including the District Magistrate & Collector,

West Tripura District, Tripura State Pollution Control Board and other stakeholders related to the control of noise pollution.

3. The Commission conveys its thanks to all the stakeholders particularly, Dr. Bishal Kumar, D.M. & Collector, west Tripura District, Tripura State Pollution Control Board, represented by Dr. Bishu Karmakar, Member Secretary and Sri Rana Chattarjee, the Officer-in-charge of West Agartala Police Station.

4. Under order dated 02.09.2025, the Commission in presence of the D.M. & Collector, West Tripura District, Dr. Bishu Karmakar, Member Secretary, Tripura State Pollution Control Board and O/C of West Agartala P.S. had resolved as under:-

“Dr. Karmakar, the Member Secretary appears on behalf of Pollution Control Board and has submitted the relevant rules and regulations to prevent noise/sound pollution and use of fire crackers in many places and regarding Idol Emersion Guidelines. Dr. Karmakar further submits that it has come to the notice of the Pollution Control Board that clubs and various organizations are constantly violating the rules and regulations and the relevant guidelines during celebration of various Puja in the state of Tripura.

In view of the alarming situation of noise pollution, the DM & Collector, West Tripura may consider the following issues:

a. The strict enforcement of the rules and regulations and guidelines to control and contain sound / noise pollution in West Tripura District,

b. Total prohibition of fire crackers on road during procession,

c. There should not be use of any sound system within 100 meters radius area of Indira Gandhi Memoria Hospital (IGM),

Agartala, AGMC & GBP Hospital, Agartala, TMC, Hapania, Nursing homes and all other hospitals in the West Tripura District and noise should not be beyond 75 dB (A).

d. The Committee shall consider adequate measures to increase awareness as regards the misuse of sound systems and its adverse affect."

5. From the order dated 15.09.2025 it comes to fore that the Commission had received three reports, one from the D.M. & Collector, West Tripura District, another from the Superintendent of Police, West Tripura District, and third one from the Tripura State Pollution Control Board. Perused all the reports carefully and also heard the parties.

6. From the reports it is noticed that the D.M. & Collector in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board and other stakeholders had discussed in a joint meeting as regards the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines relevant to the issues raised in the complaint and decided strict observation of all the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines issued time to time by the Central Government, Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court of Tripura and all other Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate changes, Government of India. It is also decided that the stakeholders shall strictly implement the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. It is mentioned herein that since celebration of Durga Puja has already been started, the representatives of various Puja Committees in their presence were requested and alerted about the misuse of sound system (loudspeaker and DJ Box). The report, submitted by the

D.M. & Collector and State Pollution Control Board, emphasized upon the strict measures to be taken to implement the Rules, Regulations and the Guidelines as regards Fire Safety/Electrical Safety/Crowd and Traffic Management/Law and Order maintenance.

7. Having taken into consideration all aspects encrypted in the reports, the Commission deems it fit to recommend the following to be taken by all the stakeholders relevant to the subject in issue:-

- i) All the stakeholders shall strictly implement various Rules, regulations and Guidelines to prevent noise pollution;
- ii) The concerned Departments of the Government shall restrict the bursting of all kinds of firecrackers in public places causing serious health hazards to the commuters and public in general;
- iii) The concerned Government Departments shall take strict measures so that no sound system is played in and around 100 meters of Hospitals, Nursing Homes and these areas are to be declared as 'Silence Zone' immediately;
- iv) Considering high quality of amplifiers and other factors presently the Commission recommends the related Departments of the Government to increase the areas under the Silent Zone from 100 meters to 150 meters;
- v) The concerned Government Departments and all other stakeholders shall ensure that the conduct of immersion ceremonies including processions over various streets with the Idols in a decent and disciplined manner keeping in view the safety and security of the public at large;

vi) The related Government Departments shall also take the recourse of law and penalised the violators/offenders, who may dire to be desperate to infringe the Rules, Regulations and various Guidelines, vis a vis, the decisions taken in the meeting of all the stakeholders; and

vii) The Superintendent of Police of all the Districts of the State of Tripura shall prevent the consumption of liquor and other illicit drugs, which are being absorbed mainly during procession and emersion ceremonies of the Idols and necessary warning may be issued by way of wide publicity through media about the steps taken to prevent such consumption.

8. The Commission has recommended the above directions in the interest of public and this Commission hopes and trusts that the directions made above have to be implemented in its true sense and spirit.

9. With the above recommendations the complaint lodged by the complainant stands disposed of.

A copy of this order may be furnished to the D.M. & Collector of all the Districts, the Superintendent of Police of all the Districts and the Member Secretary, Tripura State Pollution Control Board immediately.

(Justice Arindam Lodh)
Chairperson

(Udit Choudhuri)
Member