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## Part IV—Section 2

### Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances

The following Ordinance which was promulgated by the Governor on the 1st September 2012 is hereby published for general information:—

TAMIL NADU ORDINANCE No. 16 OF 2012.

#### ***An Ordinance further to amend the Chennai City Police Act, 1888.***

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of the State is not in session and the Governor of Tamil Nadu is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution, the Governor hereby promulgates the following Ordinance:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Chennai City Police (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012.

Short title and  
commence-  
ment.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu  
Act III of  
1888.

2. In section 41-A of the Chennai City Police Act, 1888,—

Amendment  
of  
section 41-A.

(1) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

“Power to prohibit drill, training or assembly.”;

(2) in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the expression “prohibit the holding of, or taking part in, any drill with arms or training with arms by five or more persons in any place, whether public or private, or the carrying of arms in procession.”, the expression “prohibit the holding of, or taking part in, any drill, training or assembly, with arms or in uniform resembling that of armed forces of the Union or Police-force, whether in a public or private place.” shall be substituted;

(3) in sub-section (4), for clause (ii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(ii) the doing of any physical exercise other than drill, training or assembly, with arms or in uniform resembling that of armed forces of the Union or Police-force.”;

(4) for the Explanation, the following Explanation shall be substituted, namely:—

“*Explanation.*—For the purpose of this section,—

(a) the word ‘assembly’ includes any assembly which is open to the public or to any class or portion of the public;

(b) the word ‘arms’ means any type of offensive weapon and includes lathi and stick.”.

1st September 2012.

K. ROSAIAH,  
*Governor of Tamil Nadu.*

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.**

According to section 41-A of the Chennai City Police Act, 1888 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1888), the Commissioner of Police may, for the preservation of the public peace or public safety or for the maintenance of public order, by order in writing, prohibit the holding of, or taking part in, any drill with arms by five or more persons in any place, whether public or private, or the carrying of arms in any procession.

2. It has been reported that there are moves to hold parades with volunteers, dressed in uniform resembling that of armed forces of the Union or Police-force and that such parades give the participants a militant outlook and such events will vitiate the atmosphere and affect harmony in the society. Hence, the Government have decided to amend the said section 41-A of the Tamil Nadu Act III of 1888 suitably so as to empower the Commissioner of Police to prohibit drill or training or assembly with arms or in uniform resembling that of armed forces of the Union or the Police-force.

3. The Ordinance seeks to give effect to the above decision.

(By order of the Governor)

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*Law Department.*