



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE :: SONITPUR :: TEZPUR
(LAW AND ORDER CELL)

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PROHIBITORY ORDER UNDER SECTION 163 BNSS

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly, 2026 for the State of Assam on 15th March, 2026;

Whereas, Para 3.6 of the instructions issued by the Election Commission of India vide No. 464/INST/2009/EPS/87 dated 1st September, 2009 mandates a ban on carrying of licensed arms immediately upon announcement of elections;

And whereas, it is considered necessary to take preventive measures to ensure the conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections and to maintain public order in the district of Sonitpur;

Now, therefore, in order to ensure maintenance of Law & Order in the district for free and fair elections and in view of the above, I, **Shri Ananda Kumar Das, ACS**, District Magistrate, Sonitpur, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), do hereby order as follows within the territorial jurisdiction of Sonitpur District:

1. Ban on Carrying of Licensed Arms

Carrying of licensed arms and ammunition by any person is hereby prohibited with immediate effect from the date of announcement of the election schedule by the Election Commission of India and shall remain in force until the declaration of election results.

2. Ban on Issue of Arms Licenses

The issuance of new arms licences by the competent licensing authority is hereby prohibited during the period commencing from the date of announcement of elections and until completion of the election process as notified by the Election Commission of India.

3. Exemptions

This order shall not apply to Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, State Police personnel on official duty, forest guards, security guards, and persons specifically exempted by the undersigned in writing.

Violation of this order shall be punishable under **Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)** and other relevant provisions of law.

This order shall come into force immediately and shall remain in force until the declaration of election results.

(e-Signed)

(Shri Ananda Kumar Das, ACS)

District Magistrate, Sonitpur

Dated Tezpur the 17th March, 2026

Memo No.01/L&O Cell-Assam AE 2026/03(A)

Copy to:

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Dispur for favour of kind information.
2. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home & Political Department for favour of kind information.
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sonitpur, Tezpur for information and necessary action. He is requested to ensure strict compliance of the above order.
4. All Addl. District Magistrates, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
5. All Co-District Commissioners, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
6. All Circle Officers/Executive Magistrates of Sonitpur District for information and necessary action.
7. The Election Officer, Sonitpur for information and necessary action.
8. The DIO, NIC, Sonitpur for information. He is requested to publish the same on the official website of this office.
9. The DIPRO, Sonitpur for wide publicity of this order.
10. All O/Cs & I/Cs of Police Stations/Police Outposts of Sonitpur District for information and necessary action.
11. Office Copy.

Digitally signed by

ANANDA KUMAR DAS

Date: 17-03-2026

14:00:33

(Shri Ananda Kumar Das, ACS)

District Magistrate, Sonitpur