



GOVT. OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
HOJAI :: SRIMANTA SANKARDEV NAGAR
(MAGISTRACY BRANCH)



eCF No. 73317/6990

Date: 09th February, 2026

ORDER
(U/S 163 of BNSS)

Whereas, in view of the ensuing General Election to Assam Legislative Assembly, 2026, the undersigned is satisfied that, for the purpose of maintaining public peace, law and order, and for ensuring the free and fair conduct of elections within the jurisdiction of Hojai District, it is necessary to regulate the possession and carrying of arms;

And whereas, possession and display of arms is likely to cause intimidation, breach of peace, and disturbance of public tranquility:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, read with the provisions of the Section 21 of Arms Act, 1959, and keeping in view Section 134-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, I, Sri Bidyut Bikash Bhagawati, ACS, District Magistrate, Hojai hereby order as follows:

1. All licensed arms holders within Hojai District are hereby directed to deposit their licensed firearms and ammunition at the nearest police station within 10 days from the date of issuance of this order.
2. No person shall carry, possess, or display any firearm, ammunition, or weapon in any public place, polling station, polling area, or within the notified vicinity thereof during the period this order remains in force.
3. This order shall remain effective until further orders/ till completion of the election process.
4. The Arms so deposited will be returned back to the licence holder (s) by the concerned Police Station after declaration of the election result on submission of receipts.
5. This order shall not apply to the CAPFs/Police Personnel and those Nationalised/ Private Banks where arms are necessary to safeguard cash chests and also those sports persons registered with the National Rifle Association and have to participate in various sporting events in which they use their rifles. However, an individual exemption order shall have to be obtained.
6. Any person contravening this order shall be liable for (i) Punishment under the Arms Act, 1959, (ii) Action under Section 134-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and (iii) Prosecution under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and other applicable laws.

Owing to the necessity of the situation, this order is passed ex-parte under section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. However, anyone aggrieved by the order may approach the competent authority for modification/ waiver of the order. This order comes into force with effect. Any violation of this prohibitory order will be punishable U/S 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Given under my hand & seal on this 09th day of February, 2026.

District Magistrate
জিলা দণ্ডাধীশ, হোজাই
Hojai
District Magistrate, Hojai

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Copy to:-

1. The Chief Electoral Officer, Assam, Dispur for favour of kind information.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home & Political Department for favour of kind information.
3. The SO to Chief Secretary, Assam for kind perusal of the Chief Secretary, Assam.
4. The District & Sessions Judge, Hojai for kind information.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Hojai for kind information.

6. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Hojai for kind information and necessary action. He is requested to ensure deposition of all the licensed Arms and Guns under Hojai District accordingly. The Arms and Guns so deposited will be under Police custody till the election is over. Further, he is also requested to seize unlicensed Arms and Guns hold by individuals of Hojai District.
7. The Additional District Magistrate (All), Hojai for information.
8. The Co-District Commissioner, Luming Co-District for information.
9. The Circle Officer, Hojai/Lanka/Doboka Revenue Circle for information.
10. The Election Officer, Hojai for information.
11. The Executive Magistrate (All), Hojai for information.
12. The DIPRO, Hojai for wide publicity through all means of media at his disposal.
13. The District Informatics Officer, NIC, Hojai. He is requested to upload the order in district official website.
14. The Officer In-Charge of all Police Stations under Hojai district for strict enforcement of the Order.
15. Office File.


District Magistrate
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District Magistrate, Hojai