

**Government Of India
Department Of Explosives
Office of the Dy. Chief Controller of Explosives
SCO 1134-35, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh.**

Dated 26/9/95

Important

The District Magistrate,
District Amritsar.

Grant of licences in form 20 for manufacture of 15Kg. Of fire-works and in form 24 for possession and sale of fire works by District Magistrates under Explosives Rules 1983 guidelines regarding safety distances etc.

Sir,

During recent investigation of a major accident in a fire factory; licensed by District Magistrate; it was observed that licence in form 20 of Explosives Rules 1983 for the said factory granted by the concerned Magistrate without proper scrutiny of plans and inspection of the factory premises before issuance of licence. The layout/construction of various sheds was not according to the specifications laid down in the Explosives Rules as well as the various sheds of the fire-works factory were observing required safety distance of 10mts. from one another 10mts, from adjoining residential houses/shops/roads etc. Had fire-works factory been constructed in accordance with Explosives 1983, the said accident might have been avoided.

While enclosing, herewith, a copy of this office letter no. (10)/CH dated 19.10.88 on the subject matter ; already circulated by District Magistrates of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir and Chandigarh; you are requested to ensure that all fire-works factories as well as shops/stores for possession/sale of fire-works; already licenced or yet to be licenced by your office may confirm to safety guidelines laid down in Explosives Rules as well as in the aforesaid letter. It may also be ensured that various shed in each fire-works factory; licensed by you; also serve required safety distance of 10mts. from one another, 10 mts. from any outside structures/buildings/roads as well as from gradient sheds. Provision of blast walls around manufacturing sheds as stated in a aforesaid letter dated 19/10/88; may also be insisted upon while granting licences in form 20 of explosives Rules 1983.

It may also be ensured that no two fire-works shops/stores; licenced form 24 of Explosives Rules 1983; exist within 15.0 mts. to one another.

Yours faithfully,
(Dr. J.V.singh)
Dy. Chief Controller of Explosives
Chandigarh.