

From No. 1585/SP Genl./Security (10-G)

The Registrar General,
High Court of Punjab and Haryana,
Chandigarh.

To

1. All the District and Sessions Judges in the State of Punjab,
2. All the District and Sessions Judges in the State of Haryana and
3. The District and Sessions Judge, Chandigarh.

Dated, Chandigarh the 08 May, 2025.

Subject: Matter regarding prohibition of carrying of arms, mobile phones and cameras in the Court Rooms.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer you on the subject cited above and to say that the matter regarding prohibition of carrying of arms, mobile phones and cameras in the Court Rooms was considered in the meeting of Hon'ble Rule Committee (other than CPC-II) held on 24.03.2025. The relevant orders passed therein are reproduced as under:-

"Item No. 15 Prohibition of carrying of arms, mobile phones and cameras in the Court Rooms.

Meeting note perused. The matter has been deliberated upon the detail. Rule 3 (vi) of 'Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts' contained in Part-H of Chapter-1 of the Rules and Orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Volume-V provides that there shall be no unauthorized recording of proceedings by any person or entity.

This Committee is of the opinion that in the similar manner the unauthorized recording of the proceedings conducted physically in this High Court and the District Courts in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T Chandigarh should also be prohibited. Further, this Committee is of the opinion that the matter with regard to carrying of arms in this High Court and the District Courts in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T Chandigarh is to be dealt with by the concerned Administrative and the Police authorities.

This Committee is of the view that in case a person/entity is found recording the Court proceedings unauthorizedly, the appropriate action can be taken by the concerned Court including the confiscation of electronic gadget used for recording of proceedings and the initiation of contempt proceedings against such person/entity.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the notice as at Annexure 'A' be published on the official website, the main entry gate(s) as well as notice boards of the Court rooms of this High Court/ District Courts in the State of Punjab, Haryana and U.T Chandigarh.

Annexure 'A' is also attached herewith. You are therefore requested to take necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Assistant Registrar (General)
for Registrar General

Annexure 'A'

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

Dated: _____

NOTICE

All the parties/litigants and public at large are hereby informed that the recording of Court proceedings by any person or entity is prohibited in the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the District Courts in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh. In case any person/entity is found violating these orders, the appropriate action can be taken by the concerned Court including the confiscation of electronic gadget used for recording of proceedings and the initiation of contempt proceedings against such person/entity.

Registrar General