

Foreigners Order, 1948

Section 13 - Power to Close Clubs and Restaurants

(1) A civil authority may direct that any premises in its jurisdiction which in its opinion are used for the sale of refreshments to be consumed on the premises or as a place of public resort or entertainment, or as a club, and which are or have recently been frequented by foreigners, shall be either closed altogether or kept closed during such hours or for such purposes as may be required by it, if in its opinion either---

(a) the foreigner so frequenting the premises are of criminal or disloyal associations or otherwise undesirable; or

(b) the premises are conducted in a disorderly or improper manner, or in a manner prejudicial to the public good, and if any premises are kept open in contravention of any such direction the occupier or person having control of the premises shall be deemed to have acted in contravention of this Order.

(2) Where any premises have been closed under this paragraph the occupier or person having control of the premises shall not occupy or control any other premises which are used for the sale of refreshments, or as a place of public resort or entertainment, or as a club without the consent of the civil authority of the area in which the premises are situate.

(3) Any police officer, if authorised by the civil authority may, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this paragraph, enter, if necessary by force, and search or occupy any premises in respect of which an order under this paragraph has been made by the civil authority.

(4) Any action taken by a civil authority under sub--paragraphs (1) to (3) above shall be reported forthwith to the Central Government which may cancel or modify such order in such manner as it deems fit.