

Striking balance between the freedom to hold rallies and public order

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This study focuses on the need to strike a balance between the freedom to hold a rally and maintenance of public order according to constitutional principles. It emphasises that individual freedoms cannot be absolute as they end where the need for public order begins. The study also recommends that all rallies must be authorised in advance by the government to make sure public interests are protected and the country is not dragged into chaos. The writer cites various definitions of freedom as suggested by renowned thinkers and philosophers throughout history. He also defines the freedom to hold rallies, and its limits and rules, asserting that the definition of freedom depends on factors such as the place and the time and cites laws governing such activities. He also speaks about different types of assemblies such as organised meetings, conferences, sit-ins and demonstrations and gives examples of the way they are held in some neighbouring countries.

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