

Kids shouldn't carry arms on Ram Navami: Rights body to DMs

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Kolkata: The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights on Tuesday sent letters to all district magistrates to ensure that children, who will take part in Ram Navami procession, do not carry any arms.

The Commission has also asked them to campaign on this issue to create awareness and send the status report to them within seven days after the festival is over.

Last year, the Commission had issued a similar directive. It was reasoned that this would have an adverse impact on the children's psyche.

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The state government had in 2018 initially put a blanket ban on open display of arms but later said the processions that were over a decade-old would be exempt from the ban. In 2017, a saffron outfit had first taken out a Ram Navami rally with children brandishing arms which drew widespread criticism. In 2018, the Commission, too, had stepped in after a similar incident was reported in Purulia.