

POLICE ORDER No. 97

In unification of the provisions laid down in Government Order No. XXVI of 1950, XXXVII of 1951 and this office memo. No. 6005(25)-S., dated the 11th March 1954 and Government of Orissa, Home Department memo. No. 5532(81)-Poll., dated the 7th April 1954, the following consolidated rules regarding the display of the National Flag of India, are published for general information.

RULES FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF INDIA

The flag is the emblem of the Nation. It is essential that it should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use.

The following rules have therefore been prescribed for the display of the National Flag of India :—

1. *Display of the Flag on building*— (a) Normally the Flag should be flown only on important Government buildings such as High Courts, Secretariates, Commissioners' Offices, Collectorate, Jails and Offices of the District Boards and Municipalities.

(b) The Flag should also be flown on the permanent residences at headquarters of the—

(i) Ruling Princes may also use the Flag together with their own flags, if they so desire,

(ii) Heads of India Mission in foreign countries. They may also fly the Flag on their offices where these are separate from their residences.

(iii) Ministers of Union and States

(iv) Ministers of State of the Central Government

(v) Chairman of Upper Chambers where these exist

(vi) Speakers of the Parliament of India and State Legislative Assemblies

(vii) Chief Commissioners

(viii) Regional Commissioners in Part 'B' States

(ix) Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors of the districts

(c) In frontier areas, the Flag may be flown at special places.

(d) (i) The President has a special flag of his own and will continue to fly the same.

(ii) The Governors and Rajpramukhas have their own special flags and will continue to fly them within their States. "When outside their State they may fly the National Flag either at their own or other private residences wherever they may stay."

(iii) Lieutenant Governors of Vindhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh will fly their own special flags within their States.

(e) (i) If the President for the Prime Minister (while visiting a State stays with the Governor or Rajpramukh in the Government House, the President's flag or the National Flag of India, as the case may be, should also be flown on the top of the main building or on top of the wing, where the President or the Prime Minister happens to reside, or in a conspicuous part of the forecourt or the main approach.

(ii) If the Governor or the Rajpramukh stays in the Circuit House within his State and the President or the Prime Minister also stays in the same house as his guest the same practice as in the preceding sub-rule should be followed.

(iii) If the President or the Prime Minister proceeds to a State town where the Governor or the Rajpramukh is not present, the President's Flag or the National Flag of India as the case may be should be conspicuously displayed on a flag staff or an improvised pole on the top of the House.

2. *Display of the Flag on cars*—The privilege for the use of the Flag on motor car will be limited to the—

- (i) Governors and Rajpramukhs when outside their States
- (ii) Ruling Princes may also use the Flag together with their own flags, if they so desire
- (iii) Heads of Indian Missions in foreign countries.
- (iv) Ministers of Union and State wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State.
- (v) Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of the Union and State Governments wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State.
- (vi) Chairmen of Upper Chambers where these exist, wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State.
- (vii) Speakers of the Parliament of India and State Legislative Assemblies, wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State
- (viii) Chief Commissioners, wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State.
- (ix) Regional Commissioners in Part 'B' States
- (x) Deputy Chairmen of the Council of State and Deputy Speaker of the House of the People, wherever they may be whether in their own State or when visiting another State

3. *General*—(i) One special occasion like the Independence Day Celebrations—15th August, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday—October 2nd, Republic Day—January 26th and National Week, as well as on any other particular day of National Rejoining, the use of the Flag will be unrestricted.

(ii) The use of the Flag by the Army, Navy and the Air Force will be governed by the special rules made for the purpose.

(iii) The Flag should not be flown by persons other than those mentioned in these rules except as provided in (i) above.

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