

GENERAL ELECTION TO LOK SABHA 2019 - NCT OF DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

PREVENTION OF DEFACEMENT OF PROPERTIES

It is hereby informed to the general public, political parties and all aspiring candidates and-their supporters, that defacement of any property (Govt. or private) in public view by way of writing or marking with ink, chalk, paint or any other material in the form of Posters, writing on wall, banners and unauthorized hoardings is prohibited under the provisions of "The Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007".

Hoardings and Advertisements displayed at duly authorized public places are allowed after approval by appropriate authorities for a specific period after paying the applicable charges.

An offence punishable under this Act shall be cognizable and whoever is found to be committing/indulging in defacement shall be punishable under Section 3 of the Act, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one-year, or with fine which may extend to Fifty Thousand Rupees, or with both.

Where any offence is committed under this Act is for the benefit of some other person or a company or other body corporate or an association of persons (whether incorporated or not) then, such other person and every president, chairman, director, partner, manager, secretary, agent or any other officer or persons connected with the management thereof, as the case maybe, shall, unless he proves the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent, be deemed to be guilty of such offence.

It is also informed that Section 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 inter-alia mentions that no person shall print or publish any pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and address of the printer and the publisher thereof. Any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 127A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to Thousand Rupees or with both.

Further Section 171 H of IPC also prohibits incurring of expenditure, inter-alia, advertisement, circular or publication, for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of candidate without authority from the candidate. As such in any advertisement / election matter for or against any political party or candidate in print media, during the election period, the name and address of the publisher should be given along-with the matter / advertisement.

The above mentioned provisions of the law shall be strictly enforced during the period of the Model Code of Conduct for the General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2019.

This is being issued for the guidance, information and compliance of all parties / candidate / printing presses.

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