

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLL.B) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.2480/Poll.B/2012-9.

Dated:13-07-2012.



Sub:- Use of National Flag made of paper / plastic on important National,Cultural & Sports events – Request to give wide Publicity and advertise to honour the National Flag – Reg.

- Ref:-
- 1.Govt.Memo.No.2697/Poll.B/2011-1, dt.24.1.2011.
 2. Govt.Memo.No.2480/Poll.B/2012-1, dt.24.1.2012
 - 3.From the Addl. Advocate General GAD., High Court of A.P., Hyd., Lr.No.580/2012, dt. 9.07.2012.

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The attention of the Commissioner, I & PR is invited to the references cited and he is informed that Sri M.Rajkumar, Advocate has filed Public Interest Litigation Petition dt.18.1.2012 in Andhra Pradesh High Court, Hyderabad wherein the Chief Secretary to Government, General Administration Dept., is impleaded as 1st respondent with directions to the Hon'ble High Court to direct the respondents to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates and general public with regard to proper usage of paper or plastic made Tricolor National Flag and dispose of such flags on the important events. He has also enclosed the photographs of several Government Offices/ private organizations/ Roads / Junctions etc., where Tricolour National Flags (Plastic and paper) in damaged and soiled condition.

2. The Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad have disposed the above case and directed the Government to create awareness among the public to honour the National Flag by advertising in print and electronic media within one week from today and continue to advertise the same till conclusion of the Independence Day.

3. He is further informed that Government have issued instructions from time to time vide Memo. No.2697/Poll.B/2011-1, dt.24.01.2011 and Memo. No.2480/ Poll.B/2012-1, dt.24.01.2012 to all District Collectors/Heads of Depts., to ensure that on important events i.e., Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanthi, Flags made of paper are to be used (not made of plastic) in terms of the provisions of the Flag Code of India, 2002 and such paper flags are not discarded or thrown on the grounds after the event. Such Flags are to be disposed of in private consistent with the dignity of the Flag.

4. The instructions issued in the Government Memos. 1st and 2nd cited are reiterated and the Commissioner, I & PR., Hyderabad is requested to give wide publicity to create awareness among the public to honour the National Flag by advertising in print and electronic media from today and continue to advertise the same till the conclusion of the Independence Day.

5. The instructions issued in the Govt., Memos 1st and 2nd cited are to be followed scrupulously.

AJAY MISRA,
PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLL).

To
The Commissioner Information & Public Relations, Hyd.(WE).
The Genl.Admn.(Publicity Cell), Secretariat, Hyderabad
All the Collectors & Dist. Magistrates/all Heads of the
Dept./S.Ps/Commissioner of Police Hyd.(for information and strict
Compliance).