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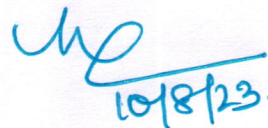
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 10/08/2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- "Har Ghar Tiranga" Campaign- reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O No. 2/01/2020/- Public (Part-III) dated 3rd August, 2023 from Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs addressed to Secretary (H) received in SNA Division dated on 07th August 2023 on the subject mentioned above and to forward the same for further necessary action.

2. This issue with the approval of competent authority.


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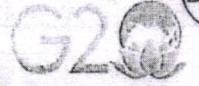
Under Secretary to the Government of India
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D.O. No. 2/01/2020-Public (Part-III)

03rd August, 2023

Dear Secretary,

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As you are aware, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM) is being celebrated to commemorate the 75 glorious years of a progressive Independent India. Under the aegis of AKAM, 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was launched from 13th to 15th August, 2022 to encourage the citizens to hoist the National Flag of India in their homes. This campaign witnessed immense success wherein large number of households hoisted Tiranga in their homes.

2. This year too, in order to encourage the people to celebrate India's Independence Day with same zeal and patriotism, 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign will be organized from 13th to 15th August, 2023. Secretary, Ministry of Culture has already written to you in this regard on 29th July, 2023.

3. The display/hoisting/use of the Indian National Flag is governed by the Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The salient features of the Flag Code of India, 2002 along with FAQs about the use/display of the Indian National Flag are enclosed. You are requested to ensure that wide publicity is made in print and electronic media to generate awareness about the Flag Code of India and about the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign during 13th to 15th August, 2023.

With regards.

Encl: As Above

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

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JS(coord.)

To

JS(SNA)

The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Indian National Flag

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Q1. Is the use, display and hoisting of the National Flag guided by any overarching set of instructions?

Yes— the 'Flag Code of India 2002' and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

Q2. What is the Flag Code of India?

The Flag Code of India brings together all laws, conventions, practices, and instructions for the display of the National Flag. It governs the display of the National Flag by Private, Public, and Government Institutions. The Flag Code of India took effect on 26th January 2002.

Q3. Which material can be used to produce the National Flag?

The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 30th December, 2021 and National Flag made of polyester or machine made Flag have been allowed. Now, the National Flag shall be made of handspun and handwoven or machine-made, cotton/polyester/wool/silk/khadi bunting.

Q4. What is the appropriate size and ratio of the National Flag?

As per paragraph 1.3 & 1.4 of the Flag Code of India, the National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the National Flag shall be 3:2.

Q5. Can I display the National Flag at my home?

As per paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code of India, a member of the public, a private organization, or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days or occasions in accordance with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.

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Q6. What is the timing for flying the National Flag in the open/at the home?

The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 20th July, 2022 and clause (xi) of paragraph 2.2 of Part-II of the Flag Code of India was replaced by the following clause:-

(xi) "where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night;"

Q7. What should I keep in mind while displaying the National Flag at my home?

Whenever the National Flag is on display, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed. A damaged or dishevelled National Flag should not be displayed.

Q8. What should I keep in mind to avoid incorrect display of the National Flag?

- The National Flag shall not be displayed in an inverted manner; i.e.; the saffron band should not be the bottom band.
- A damaged or dishevelled National Flag shall not be displayed.
- The National Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing.
- The National Flag shall not be used as a festoon, rosette, bunting, or in any other manner for decoration.
- The National Flag shall not be allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in the water.
- The National Flag shall not be displayed or fastened in any manner as may damage it.

The National Flag should not be flown from a single masthead (top part of a flagpole) simultaneously with any other flag or flags.

- The National Flag shall not be used to cover a speaker's desk, nor shall it be draped over a speaker's platform.
- The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, undergarments or any dress material.

Q9. Are there any rules for prevention of insult to the Indian National Flag?

Yes. In accordance with explanation 4 to section 2 of "the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971", the following should be observed:

- The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, undergarments or any dress material.
- There shall be no lettering upon the National Flag.
- The National Flag shall not be used to wrap, receive, or deliver things.
- The National Flag shall not be used to cover the sides, back, and top of any vehicle.

Q10. What is the correct way to display the National Flag in the open/on public buildings?

As per Section III of Part III of the Flag Code of India, if the National Flag is flown on public buildings, it should be flown on

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all days from sunrise to sunset, irrespective of the weather conditions. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly.

- When the National Flag is displayed flat and horizontal on a wall, the saffron band shall be upper most and when displayed vertically, the saffron band shall be to the right in reference to the National Flag i.e., it should be to the left of a person facing it.
- When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a windowsill, balcony, or front of a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff.

Q11. Should the National Flag be flown at half-mast?

The National Flag shall not be flown at half-mast except on occasions instructed by the Government of India. When flown at half-mast, the National Flag shall be hoisted first to the peak/top of the staff, then lowered to the half-mast position. Before lowering the National Flag for the day, it should be raised again to its peak.

Q12. Can I display the National Flag on my car?

The privilege of hosting the National Flag on motor cars is only limited to the following persons as per paragraph 3.44 of the Flag Code of India, 2002:-

- President
- Vice-President
- Governors and Lieutenant Governors
- Heads of Indian Missions/Posts
- Prime Minister
- Cabinet Ministers, Minister of State, and Deputy Ministers of the Union

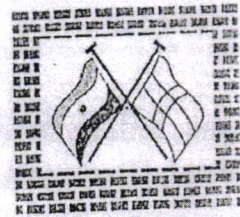
- Chief Minister, Cabinet Minister, Minister of State or Dy. Minister of a State or Union Territory
- Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Chairman of Legislative Councils in States, Speakers of the Legislative Assemblies in States and Union Territories, Deputy Chairman of Legislative Council in States, Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in States and Union Territories
- Chief Justice of India
- Judges of Supreme Court
- Chief Justice of High Courts
- Judges of High Courts

Q13. How can we display the Indian National Flag along with flags of other nations?

- As per paragraph 3.32 of the Flag Code of India, when the National Flag is displayed in a straight line with flags of other countries, the National Flag shall be on the extreme right. The flags of other nations will follow in an alphabetical order as per the English versions of names of the nations.
- If the flags are flown in a closed circle formation, the National Flag is flown first and is followed by flags of other national in a clockwise manner.
- When the flag is displayed against the wall with another flag from crossed staffs, the National Flag shall be on the right and its staff will be in front of the staff of the other flag.

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- When the National Flag is flown with flags of other nations, the flag masts shall be of equal size.



Q14. How should the National Flag be disposed?

- As per paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code of India, if the National Flag is damaged, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or any other method considering the dignity of the National Flag.
- The National Flag, made of paper, is waved by the general public, but these flags should not be discarded on the ground. These should be discarded in private, keeping in mind the dignity of the National Flag.

Source:

https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/flagcodeofindia_070214.pdf

https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/Prevention_Insults_National_Honour_Act1971_1.pdf

Salient Features of Flag Code of India, 2002

1. The Indian National Flag represents the hopes and aspirations of the people of India. It is the symbol of our national pride and there is universal affection and respect for, and loyalty to, the National Flag. It occupies a unique and special place in the emotions and psyche of the people of India.
2. The hoisting/use/display of the Indian National Flag is governed by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002. Some of salient features of the Flag Code of India, 2002 are listed below for the information of the public:-
 - a) The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 30st December, 2021 and National Flag made of polyester or machine made Flag have been allowed. Now, the National Flag shall be made of hand spun and hand woven or **machine made**, cotton/**polyester**/wool/silk/khadi bunting.
 - b) A member of public, a private organization or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days and occasions, ceremonial or otherwise, consistent with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.
 - c) The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 20th July, 2022 and clause (xi) of paragraph 2.2 of Part-II of the Flag Code of India was replaced by the following clause:-
 - (xi) "where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night;"
 - d) The National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2.
 - e) Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed.
 - f) A damaged or dishevelled Flag shall not be displayed.

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- g) The Flag should not be flown from a single masthead simultaneously with any other flag or flags.
- h) The Flag should not be flown on any vehicle except of the dignitaries mentioned in Section IX of Part III of the Flag Code, such as President, Vice-President, Prime-Minister, Governors etc.
- i) No other flag or bunting should be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag.

Note:- For further details, the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002 are available on Ministry of Home Affairs' website www.mha.gov.in.

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