

PART. III

HOISTING/DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG BY THE CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES.

SECTION I

DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS/HEADS OF MISSIONS/POSTS

- 3.1 The provisions of this Part shall not apply to Defence Installations that have their own rule for display of the National Flag.
- 3.2 The National Flag may also be flown on the Headquarters and the residences of the Heads of Missions/Posts abroad in the countries where it is customary for diplomatic and consular representatives to fly their National Flags on the Headquarters and their official residences.

SECTION II

OFFICIAL DISPLAY

- 3.3 Subject to the provisions contained in Section I above, it shall be mandatory for all Governments and their organisations/agencies to follow the provisions contained in this Part.
- 3.4 On all occasions for official display, only the Flag conforming to specifications laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards, and bearing their standard mark shall be used. On other occasions also, it is desirable that only such Flags of appropriate size are flown.

SECTION III

CORRECT DISPLAY

- 3.5 Wherever the Flag is flown, it should occupy the position of honour and be distinctly placed.
- 3.6 Where the practice is to fly the Flag on any public building, it shall be flown on that building on all days including Sundays and holidays and, except as provided in this Code, it shall be flown from sun-rise to sun-set irrespective of weather conditions. The Flag may be flown on such a building at night also but this should be only on very special occasions.
- 3.7 The Flag shall always be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. When the hoisting and the lowering of the Flag is accompanied by appropriate bugle calls, the hoisting and lowering should be simultaneous with the bugle calls.
- 3.8 When the Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff.
- 3.9 When the 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 with reference to the Flag, i.e., it may be to the left of a person facing it.
- 3.10 When the Flag is displayed on a speaker's platform, it shall be flown on a staff on the speaker's right as he faces the audience or flat against the wall above and behind the speaker.
- 3.11 When used on occasions like the unveiling of a statue, the Flag shall be displayed distinctly and separately.
- 3.12 When the Flag is displayed alone on a motor car, it shall be flown from a staff, which should be affixed firmly either on the middle front of the bonnet or to the front right side of the car.

3.13 When the Flag is carried in a procession or a parade, it shall be either on the marching right, i.e. the Flag's own right, or if there is a line of other flags, in front of the centre of the line.

SECTION IV

INCORRECT DISPLAY

- 3.14 A damaged or disheveled Flag shall not be displayed.
- 3.15 The Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing.
- 3.16 No other flag or bunting shall be placed higher than or above or, except as hereinafter provided, side by side with the National Flag; nor shall any object including flowers or garlands or emblem be placed on or above the Flag-mast from which the Flag is flown.
- 3.17 The Flag shall not be used as a festoon, rosette or bunting or in any other manner for decoration.
- 3.18 The Flag shall not be used to cover a speaker's desk nor shall it be draped over a speaker's platform.
- 3.19 The Flag shall not be displayed with the "safron" down.
- 3.20 The Flag shall not be allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in water.
- 3.21 The Flag shall not be displayed or fastened in any manner as may damage it.

SECTION V

MISUSE

- 3.22 The Flag shall not be used as a drapery in any form whatsoever except in State/Military/Central Para military Forces funerals hereinafter provided.
- 3.23 The Flag shall not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, train or boat.
- 3.24 The Flag shall not be used or stored in such a manner as may damage or soil it.
- 3.25 When the Flag is in a damaged or soiled condition, it shall not be cast aside or disrespectfully disposed of but shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or by any other method consistent with the dignity of the Flag.
- 3.26 The Flag shall not be used as a covering for a building.
- 3.27 The Flag shall not be used as a portion of a costume or uniform of any description. It shall not be embroidered or printed upon cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins or boxes.
- 3.28 Lettering of any kind shall not be put upon the Flag.
- 3.29 The Flag shall not be used in any form of advertisement nor shall an advertising sign be fastened to the pole from which the Flag is flown.
- 3.30 The Flag shall not be used as a receptacle for receiving, delivering, holding or carrying anything.

Provided that there shall be no objection to keeping flower petals inside the Flag before it is unfurled, as part of celebrations on special occasions and on National Days like the Republic Day and the Independence Day.

SECTION VI

SALUTE

3.31 During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the Flag and stand at attention. Those present in uniform should render the appropriate salute. When the Flag is in a moving column, persons present will stand at attention or salute as the Flag passes them. A dignitary may take the salute without a head dress.

SECTION VII

DISPLAY WITH FLAGS OF OTHER NATIONS AND OF UNITED NATIONS

3.32 When displayed in a straight line with flags of other countries, the National Flag shall be on the extreme right; i.e. if an observer were to stand in the center of the row of the flags facing the audience, the National Flag should be to his extreme right. The position is illustrated in the diagram below:-

