

INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DEFACEMENT OF PROPERTY FOR GUIDANCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES

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The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Altinho Panaji has informed that the Election Commission of India, has issued instructions on the Defacement of Property for guidance of political parties, law enforcing authorities and the Election Commission's Observers deployed during elections.

The Commission has directed that No wall writing, pasting of posters/papers or defacement in any other form, or erecting /displaying of cutouts, hoardings, banners, flags etc. shall be permitted on any Government premises (Including civil structures) or any other structure owned by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the period of enforcement of Model Code of Conduct.

The Goa Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1988 Goa Act.No.5 also prohibits display of flags, banners, hoardings or pasting pamphlets, posters or writing or marking with ink, chalk, paint or any other material etc. the provision in the law will strictly apply and such material shall not be displayed on private property or property in public view. Whoever defaces any property in public view shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to (Five thousand rupees) or with both.

The Instructions of Election Commission of India on Defacement of Property Act 1988 shall be strictly adhered upon enforcement of Model Code of Conduct for Lok Sabha Election 2024.

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