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To

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The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of
All State Governments / UT Administrations,
Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

Subject: Strict compliance of the provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971- Advisory.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to say that the Indian National Flag represents hopes and aspirations of the people of our country and hence should occupy a position of honour. There is universal affection and respect for, and loyalty to, the National flag. Yet, a perceptible lack of awareness is often noticed amongst people as well as organizations/agencies of the Government, in regard to laws, practices and conventions that apply to display of the National Flag. Copy of 'The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971' and 'Flag Code of India, 2002' [as amended in 2021], which governs display of National Flag, are available on this Ministry's website www.mha.gov.in.

2. As per para 2.2 (x) of Section-I (Part-II) of the Flag Code of India, the National Flag made of paper may be waved by public on occasions of important national, cultural and sports events. You are requested to ensure that on the occasions of important national, cultural and sports events, Flags made of paper only are used by the public and such paper Flags are not discarded or thrown on the ground after the event. Such Flags are to be disposed of, in private, consistent with the dignity of the Flag.

3. You are requested to undertake mass awareness programme in this regard and also to give it wide publicity through advertisements in the electronic and print media.

Yours faithfully,

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