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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ABSTRACT

Information and Publicity – Erection of new statues of State / National leaders in the Union Territory of Puducherry and further maintenance of such statues – Guidelines – Communicated.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No. 10

Puducherry, dated 25 Aug 2011

READ: I.D. Note No. 3283/DIP/AD(Pub)/2011 dated 29.07.2011 from the Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry

ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the next issue of the Official Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

The issue of streamlining the procedure for erection of statues of various state / national leaders in the Union Territory of Puducherry and their further maintenance has been engaging the attention of the Government for some time past. Now, after careful consideration of the issues involved, the Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify the guidelines for erection of statues of state / national leaders and their maintenance as detailed in the Annexure appended to this Order.

This order takes immediate effect.

/By order/

(S. CHANDRASEKARAN)
Deputy Secretary To Govt.



The Director of Stationery and Printing
Puducherry

With a request to issue this notification in the next issue of the Official Gazette and to supply 100 copies of the same to this Department.

Copy to:

1. The Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.
2. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry.
3. The Director, Local Administrative Department, Puducherry.
4. The Inspector General of Police, Police Department, Puducherry.
5. The Senior Superintendent of Police (Law and Orders), Police Department, Puducherry.
6. The Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Police Department, Puducherry
7. All Head of Department, Govt. of Puducherry.
8. All Head of Board / Corporation, Govt. of Puducherry.
9. The Central Records Branch, Puducherry.
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GUIDELINES FOR ERECTION OF STATUES AND THEIR FURTHER MAINTENANCE.

I. Guiding Factors For Erection Of Statues:

1. The Department of Information and Publicity, Puducherry shall be the Nodal Department for erection of statues of State / National leaders.
2. Requests from the general public / associations / organizations / political parties for erection of statue of state/national leaders in any region of this Union Territory shall be processed by the Department of Information and Publicity and submitted to Government for orders.
3. If the Government agrees to the proposal, the matter shall be placed before the Cabinet for approval.
4. Whenever it is considered necessary and deemed fit, the Government may also announce erection of statues of state / national leaders, suo moto.
5. When such announcement is made by the Government, the Department of Information and Publicity shall take necessary follow up action and obtain the approval of the Cabinet, wherever necessary.
6. No requests for erection of statue of a state/national leader who is alive shall be entertained.
7. Requests for erection of statute of religious leaders shall not be entertained. However, if they are known for their social service rather than their religious activities such requests may be considered on merits as an exception.
8. Erection of the statue of the same personality in more than one place in a region should be normally discouraged.
9. No private body / person / organization / association / political party shall be allowed to erect / put up any statue in Government land / public places.
10. Violations, if any, shall be viewed seriously by the Department concerned which is in possession of the land in question and be dealt with legally treating it as a case of trespass and illegal occupation inciting violence by filing necessary FIR with the Police Department.

II. Constitution Of Statue Erection Committee And Erection Of Statues:

1. The Department of Information and Publicity shall constitute a Statue Erection Committee in each case under the Chairpersonship of the Minister in charge of the Department of Information and Publicity. The Secretary to Government (Information and Publicity) will be the Member. The Committee shall comprise officials of the Public Works Department, Director (L.A.D.), Collector (Revenue) and Police Department. The Director of Information and Publicity shall be the Member Secretary. In the case of Outlying regions, the Collector / Regional Administrator of the region concerned shall be included as a member.
2. The Government shall nominate not more than five non-official members.
3. The Committee itself shall regulate its own proceedings.
4. The site for erection of the statue shall be decided by the Statue Erection Committee comprising official and non-official members as aforesaid.
5. The Statue Erection Committee shall decide the location, size of the statue, posture in which the statue is to be erected, construction plan for pedestal and dome, decorative and horticultural works to be made around the statue, sculptor to be engaged and other related issues as may be considered necessary and make necessary recommendations.
6. While considering a site, the Committee shall take into account the likely hindrance to free flow of traffic and other relevant factors.
7. Based on the recommendations made by the committee, the Public Works Department shall prepare necessary estimate and obtain the required expenditure sanction from the Government.
8. The expenditure shall be borne by the Public Works Department in their budget.
9. After getting the required expenditure sanction from the Government, the Public Works Department shall execute the work expeditiously as per the codal provisions of the Department.
10. The committee may inspect the progress of the work and recommend changes if any in the plan and execution, if need be.
11. The Public Works Department may carry out such changes after observing the usual formalities as per their codal provisions.
12. After completion of the erection of statue and other civil works, the Public Works Department shall intimate the same to the Department of Information and Publicity, which will arrange for unveiling of the statue.
13. The expenditure on unveiling ceremony will be borne by the Department of Information and Publicity.

III. Maintenance Of Statues And Nearby Vicinity:

1. The responsibility of aftercare and maintenance of all the existing statues and new statues to be erected hereafter shall rest with the Public Works Department.
2. To facilitate this, the control over the existing statues being exercised by the Local Administration Department / Municipalities shall stand transferred to the Public Works Department with immediate effect.
3. The Local Administration Department / Municipalities shall hand over the control of the statues to the Public Works Department immediately.
4. The statues will be maintained in good condition through out the year by the concerned division of the Public Works Department under whose jurisdiction the location falls.
5. The concerned Divisional Officer / Sub-Divisional Officer of the Public Works Department shall make periodical inspection of statues coming under his jurisdiction and take necessary remedial measures whenever necessary so as to ensure complaint free maintenance of such statues.
6. It shall be ensured that no posters, banners, graffities, party flags, etc should deface the statues and the nearby vicinity.
7. Desecration of statues, if any, noticed or reported, the fact should be brought to the notice of the Station House Officer concerned immediately by the official of Revenue Department / Information and Publicity Department / Public Works Department concerned so as to avoid any public unrest and consequential law and order problem.
8. The Station House Officer concerned will register a FIR and cause further investigation in accordance with the law besides taking necessary immediate steps to maintain law and order in the area.
9. The Commissioner of concerned Municipality / Commune Panchayat shall ensure that the vicinity of the statues coming under his jurisdiction is maintained neat and clean through out the year without giving room for any complaints for which an official may be made responsible. He shall carry out periodical inspection and ensure neat maintenance.
10. As far as practicable, no public meetings/protests/demonstrations should be allowed near the statues to avoid possible desecration /damage to the statues and the Police Department should take this factor into account while granting permission for public meetings/protests/demonstrations. If permission is given, the Police Department should ensure that the statues are protected from miscreants during such public meetings/protests/demonstrations.
