

Government of West Bengal
Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department
State Secretariat, NABANNA, 3rd Floor
325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah-711 102.

No. 1899- MD-99/100/2026

Date : 19/08/2026

From : The Joint Secretary
Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department.
Government of West Bengal.

To :

(Concerned authorities with address of all the Directorates/Parastatal
Organizations under the Administrative Control of this Department.)

**Sub : Strict compliance of the Provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the
prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 –regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy/copies Letter No. 1315-Prot dated 12.08.2026 of the Home and Hill Affairs Department, Protocol Branch, Government of West Bengal, bearing in connection with File No. 15/1/2023-Public dated 10.08.2026, Public Section, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, regarding Strict compliance of the Provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 for kind information and taking necessary action at their end.

Enclo : As stated above.


Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal.

No. 1899/1(3) - MD-99/100/2026

Date : 19/08/2026

1. Sr. P.S. to the Principal Secretary , MA&ME Department.
2. Sr. P.S. to Secretary , MA&ME Department.
3. Guard File.


Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HOME AND HILL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
PROTOCOL BRANCH

From: Avadh Singhal, IAS

OSD & Under Secretary

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- To:
1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, All Departments (HoDs) Government of West Bengal;
 2. DG & IG of Police, West Bengal;
 3. Commissioner of Police, Kolkata;
 4. Divisional Commissioners (All);
 5. District Magistrates (All).

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No. 1315-Prot

Dated: 12th August 2026

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of File No. 15/1/2023-Public dated 10.08.2026 received from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Public Section), New Delhi on the above noted subject for your kind perusal.

In this regard, it is kindly requested to communicate the same to all concerned officers, employees and staff of the State Government, PSUs, autonomous bodies and local bodies regarding strict compliance of the provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 down the line.

Yours faithfully,

OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

Dated: 12th August 2026

No. 1315/1(2)-Prot

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Secretary, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal;
2. Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Kolkata.

With a request to ensure mass awareness of the provisions of the Flag Code of India, 2002 and Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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No. 1315/2(2)-Prot

Dated: 12th August 2026

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the: -

1. Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal;
2. Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Lok Bhavan, Kolkata.

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OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

No. 1315/3(2)-Prot

Dated: 10th August 2026

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the: -

- 1) Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal;
- 2) Sr. PS to Principal Secretary, Home & Hill Affairs Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

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OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

No. 1315/4(2)-Prot

Dated: 12th August 2026

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to the: -

- 1) SRIC, Telecoms, West Bengal, Room No. 209, Nabanna, Howrah;
- 2) AC, Control Room, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata-700 001.

It is requested to deliver the above-mentioned letter to the concerned police authorities.

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OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

No. 1315/5-Prot

Dated: 12th August 2026

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OSD & Under Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

IMMEDIATE

**File No. 15/1/2023-Public
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Public Section)**

**Kartavya Bhawan-3, New Delhi
Dated: 10th August, 2026**

To

**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 [as amended
in 2021 & 2022] and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971-reg.**

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. Copies of Flag Code of India, 2002 [as amended in 2021 & 2022] and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 which govern the use/hoisting/display of National Flag are available on this Ministry's website <https://mha.gov.in>. The Salient features of the Flag Code of India, 2002 are enclosed herewith.

2. As per clause (x) of Paragraph 2.2 of 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 used by the public, made of paper 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 also 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,

Encl: As above.

Kamlesh Rabidas
(Kamlesh Rabidas)

**Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel. No. 011 24010294**

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Copy to:

1. President's Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Vice - President's Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. Prime Minister's Office, Seva Teerth, New Delhi.
4. Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
5. Office of all Governors.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
7. Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
8. Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
9. Registrar, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
10. Registrar, all High Courts.
11. Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi.
12. The Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
13. Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.
14. NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
15. All attached & Subordinate Offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
16. 2 Spare Copies.

Kamlesh Rabidas
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(Kamlesh Rabidas)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel. No. 011 24010294

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 30th 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 19th 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.

- 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.



West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education

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Memo No.: 926/ADMIN/26

Date: 24.09.2026

From: The Secretary
West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education

To: The Heads of all recognized Madrasahs (Government Madrasahs, Non-Government Aided Madrasahs and Un-aided Madrasahs) within the State of West Bengal

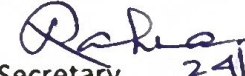
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Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary 24/09/26

West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education

Date: 24.09.2026

Memo No.: / 1(5)/ADMIN/26

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2. The Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Nabanna (3rd Floor), Mondirtala, Howrah-711102
3. The Joint Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Nabanna (3rd Floor), Mondirtala, Howrah-711102
4. The Director of Madrasah Education, West Bengal, Bikash Bhavan (2nd Floor), South Block, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091
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Secretary
West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education