

**Government of Punjab
Department of School Education**

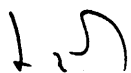
To

1. All DEOs
(EE) & (SE)
2. All School Heads
In the State of Punjab

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- 1.0 It has come to the notice that a large number of advertisements have been put by various persons/agencies on the boundary wall of the schools.
- 2.0 Many of these advertisements are even vulgar in nature and adversely affect the environment in educational institutions. Moreover, this is a violation of Punjab Defacement of Property Act. Accordingly all DEOs are hereby requested to identify the schools which have been defaced in violation of the Act in their respective districts and lodge FIR with the concerned police station.
- 3.0 A copy of the Punjab Defacement of the Property Act is enclosed herewith.



**Secretary School Education
Punjab**

Encls: As above

The Punjab Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1997 Complete Act - Bare Act

State Punjab Government

Year 1997

Act Info:

THE PUNJAB PREVENTION OF DEFACEMENT OF PROPERTY ACT, 1997

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[Act No. 7 of 1998]

[25th January, 1998]

PREAMBLE

An Act to provide for the prevention of defacement of property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Forty-eighth year of the Re-public of India, as follows :-

Section 1 - Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1997.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette appoint.

Section 2 " Definitions

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "defacement" includes impairing-or interfering with the appearance of beauty, damaging, disfiguring, spoiling or injuring in any other way whatsoever and the word 'deface' shall be construed accordingly;
- (b) "property" includes any land, building, hut, structure, wall, tree, fence, post, pole or any other erection; and
- (c) "writing" includes decoration, lettering or ornamentation, produced by stencil.

Section 3 - Penalty for defacement of property

- (1) Whoever defaces any property in public view by, writings or making with ink, chalk, paint or any other material or by erecting staffs, banners or by pasting notices and writing slogans without the written permission of the owner of the property, except for the purpose of indicating the name and address of the owner Or occupied of such property, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term, which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to One thousand rupees or with both.

(2) Where by offence committed under sub-section (1); Is for the benefit Of some other person or a company or other body corporate or an association of persons (whether incorporated or not), then such other person and every president, chairman, director, partner, manager, secretary, agent or any other officer or person concerned with the management thereof, as the case may be ,shall, unless he proves that the offence was committed with-out his knowledge or consent be deemed to be guilty of such offence.-

Section 4 - Offence to be cognizable

An offence punishable under this Act shall be cognizable. ,

Section 5 - Power of State Government to erase writing

Without prejudice to the provisions of section 3, the State Government shall be competent to take such steps, as may be necessary for erasing any writing, freeing any defacement or removing any mark from any property.

Section 6 - Over-riding effect

The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force.

Section 7 - Repeal and Saving

(1) The Punjab Prevention of Defacement of Property Ordinance, 1997 (Punjab Ordinance No. 3 of 1997), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance referred to, in sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

Punjab State Acts