

PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting 2nd October Smoking in 'Public Places'

BANNED

As per the notification GSR 417(E) dated 30th May 2008, the Central Government has revised the rules relating to 'Smoking in Public Places' w.e.f. 2nd October, 2008. The salient features of these rules include

- ★ Smoking is strictly prohibited in all public places. "Public Place" includes auditorium , hospital buildings, health institutions, amusement centres, restaurants, public offices, court buildings, educational institutions, libraries, public conveyances, stadium, railway stations, bus stops, workplaces, shopping malls, cinema halls, refreshment rooms, discotheques, coffee house, pubs, bars, airport lounge etc.
- ★ Any violation of this act is a punishable offence with fine upto **Rs. 200.**
- ★ However, a Hotel having thirty or more rooms or restaurant having seating capacity of thirty persons or more & airports may provide / have a separate smoking area or space, as required by the rules.
- ★ The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or in charge of the affairs of a public placeshall ensure that:
 - a) No person smokes in the public place(under his jurisdiction/ implied)
 - b) The board as specified in schedule –II of the rules; is displayed prominently at the entrance(s) of the Public place and conspicuous place(s) inside.
 - c) No ashtrays, matches, lighters or other things designed to facilitate smoking are provided in the public place.
- ★ The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or in charge of the affairs of a public place shall notify and display prominently the name of the person to whom a complaint of any violation may be made.
- ★ If the owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or the authorized officer of a public place fails to act on report of such violation, the owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or the authorized officer shall be liable to pay fine equivalent to the number of individual offences.



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