

Ban on Posters & Banners in the High Court Premises


All the learned Advocates may take reference of **Order dated 28.01.2020** passed by Hon'ble Division Bench comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Suneet Kumar in **Public Interest Litigation (PIL) No. 2436 of 2019: In Re Suo Moto Relating to Security And Protection In All Court Campuses In The State of U.P.**

The Court is of the view that elections of various bodies whether Advocates or employees, should be held in a very peaceful and clean manner and for the same following observations / directions have been made / passed -

1. That the elections of the bodies of stake holders in a judicial institutions be held without indulging in large fanfare, high rise banners and posters and other such activities and therefore the same is prohibited in the Court campus.
2. That the the handbills/ pamphlets distributed by candidates to the voters are thrown in Court premises, galleries etc. creating a very bad scene and also become a concern with regard to cleanliness in Court premises. As such, handbills etc. shall not be distributed in Court's premises but shall be confined to the area of Bar Association or the place where polling is held.
3. That after election is over, the body whose election is conducted shall be responsible for getting the entire area cleaned within 48 hours of declaration of result at its own expenses.
4. That no candidate, his agent or any person interested in such candidate or otherwise, shall affix, raise etc., any banner, posters etc. in the entire Court premises and there will be no exception on this aspect. Banners and posters of any person, if found affixed in this Court premises on and after 31st January 2020 shall be treated to be a deliberate defiance and disobedience of this order amounting to criminal contempt and appropriate action will be taken up.
5. That such candidate(s) who himself has got such banners and posters installed or for whose benefit the same is installed or if such banner and posters is installed by a person even unconnected with election, his candidature shall be liable to be cancelled in such election. In matters of defiance, this Court may also pass order banning entry in Court premises for such period as it deem fit and proper.
6. That the distribution of handbills and its use shall be confined only in respect of Advocates, to the premises of respective Bar Association. Any defiance shall be treated to be deliberate defiance liable for criminal contempt and imposition of fine.

[The aforesaid Order, in detail, is available on the official website of Allahabad High Court: www.allahabadhighcourt.in]

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