Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Rules, 1987

G.S.R.822 (E), dated 25th September, 1987: In exercise of the powers conferred by Sec.10 of the Indecent representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 (60 of 1986), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :

1. **Short title and commencement:**

   (1) These rules may be called the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Rules, 1987.

   (2) They shall come into force on the 2nd October, 1987.

2. **Definitions:**

   (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

   a. `Act' means the Indecent Representation of women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 (60 of 1986) ;
   b. `article' means any book, pamphlet, paper, slide, film, writing, drawing, painting, photograph, representation of figure;
   c. `authorized officer' means any Gazetted Officer authorized by the State Government for the purpose of section 5 of the Act.
   d. `section' means a section of the Act.

   (2) Words and expressions used in these rules and not defined, shall have the meanings respectively, assigned to them in the Act.

3. **Manner of seizure of articles:**

   (1) Every seizure made in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 5 shall be made in the manner hereinafter provided in these rules.

   (2) The authorized officer seizing any advertisements or articles under sub-section (1) of section 5 shall prepare a list of such advertisements or articles containing such details relating to the description, quality, quantity, mark, number and other particulars thereof as he may consider relevant to the identity of such advertisements or articles in any proceeding under the Act, in the Form annexed to these rules.

   (3) The authorized officer shall pack and seal such advertisements or articles in the manner provided in rule 4 and shall deliver a copy of the list so prepared to the person from whom such advertisements or articles are seized.

   (4) The advertisements or articles so seized shall be marked with a distinguishing number and shall also be signed by the authorized officer, the person from whom such advertisements or articles have been seized and two respectable inhabitants of the locality. If it is not possible to mark any such advertisement or article, the marking may be done on the packaging or in any other manner which the authorised officer thinks proper.

4. **Manner of packing and dealing with advertisements or articles seized:**

   (1) The advertisements or articles seized shall be packed in adequately strong paper, cloth or in any other packing material in such a way that the advertisements or articles may not be tampered with and the ends of the paper, cloth or other packing material shall be neatly folded and affixed by means of gum or other adhesive or stitched in or tied.

   (2) The package shall be further secured by means of strong twine or thread and the twine

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or thread shall be fastened on the package by means of sealing wax on which there shall be at least four distinct and clear impressions of the seal of the authorised officer of which one shall be on the top of the package, one at the bottom and the other two at the body of the package and knots of the twine or thread shall be covered by means of sealing wax bearing the impression of the seal of the authorized officer.
(3) Where necessary, the authorized officer shall put the advertisements or articles in a box, a container of a suitable material and size and seal it in the manner provided in sub-rule (2).

5. **Manner of seizing and sealing advertisements or articles in certain cases:**
Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 3 and 4, where the authorized officer is of the opinion that it is not possible to seize and seal any advertisement or article in the manner prescribed in rules 3 and 4 due to the size or the nature of such advertisement or article, he may take such steps as he thinks fit for the seizure and sealing of such advertisement or article without affecting the integrity, utility or saleable value thereof.

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(See rule 3(2))

List of Advertisements or Articles Seized

To

(Name and address of the person from whom the advertisement(s) or article(s) are seized)

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The advertisement(s), article(s) detailed below has/have this day been seized by me under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Indecent Representation of women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 (60 of 1986), from the premises…….situated at ……..

Details of advertisement(s), article(s) seized:

Place…… ……

(Authorised Officer)

(Seal) Area……

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