

PREVENTION OF INSULTS TO NATIONAL HONOUR ACT, 1957

flat 101101 HV'ZOt1" ICTAMIL NADU] ACT No. XIV OF 1957. [THE PREVENTION OF INSULTS TO NATIONAL HONOUR Acr, 1957.] (Received the csse;tt of the Governor on the 1.'th November 1957 ; first published in the Fort St. George Gazette on th.' 18th November 1957.) An Act to prevent insults to National Honour. WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to prevent certain offences against the Indian National Flag, pictures, omgies and statues of the Father of the Nation, or the Constitution ot' ladia BE it enacted iu the Eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows 1, This Act may be called the Prevention of Insults Short title. to National Honour Act, 1957. 2, TVhoever wilfully burns or desecrates or insults, Burning, etc.' Of emgy, picture or portrait of Mahatma Gandhi emgy' shall be punished with imprisonment of either descri-, picture, portrait of ption for a term which may extend to three years or with Mahatma fine or with both. Gandhi an Explanavon. this sect 101), " picture" includes offence. any print, painting or other representation, of the figure of Mahatma Gandhi. 3, Whoever wilfully causes damage to, or destruction Destruction Of the of, any statue or bust of Mahatma Gandhi or any such statue of change in such statue or bust or in the situation ithereof, Mahatma Gandhi as destroy or diminish its value or appearance or other-offence, wise affeccs it injuriously, shall be punished with imprisod• ment of either description for a term which may extend to three years or with fine cr with both. 1 These words were substituted for the word "Madras" by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Lāws Order, 1969, as amended by the Tamil Nadu Adaptation of Laws (Second Amendment) Order, 1969. 2For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Fort St. George Gazette, Part IV-, \ , Extraordinary, dated the 6th November 1957, page 132. This Act was extended to the added territories by section 3 of, and the First Schedule to, the Tamil Nadu (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 39 of 19.61 repealing the corresponding law inforce in those territ03 ieo •LY3/-; National Honour

4. Whoever wilfully burns or desecrates or insults Burning etc., of the Indian National Flag shall be punished with impri- Ihdian sonment of either description. for a term which may National extend to three years or with fine or with both. Flag an offence. Explanation.—In this section,. "Indian Nau:onal Flag" includes any pictorial representation thereof

5. Whoever wilfully burns or desecrates or insults any Burning .copy or a copy of a part of the Constitution of •India, etc" of the Constitution shall be punishable with imprisonment of either descri- to be act ption for a term which may extend to three years ' or of offence. with fine or with both, 6. Whoever attempts to commit any offence punish- Attempts tq be able •under this Act shall be, deemed to have - committed offences, that offence, 71 Nothing in this Act shall exempt any person from Savings• any proceeding which might, apart from this Act, be brought against him.