

**F.No. 9-28/97-WW**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Women & Child Development**

**EXISTING PROVISIONS AND AMENDED PROVISIONS OF THE  
INDECENT REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ( PROHIBITION) ACT, 1986**

S.No. (1)	Section (2)	Existing provision (3)	Amended provision (4)	Justification (5)
1	2(a)	<p>2. <b>Definitions-</b> In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires :-</p> <p>(a)"advertisement" includes any notice, circular, label, wrapper or other document and also includes any visible representation made by means of any light, sound, smoke or gas;</p>	<p><b>2. Definitions-</b> In this Act, unless the context otherwise "enquires"</p> <p>(a)- "advertisement" includes any notice, circular, label, wrapper or other document and also includes any visible representation made by means of any light including laser light, sound, smoke, gas, fibre optic, electronic or any other media.</p>	<p>To widen the scope of the Act and its applicability.</p>

2	2(c)	<p>“ indecent representation of women” means the depiction in any manner of the figure of a woman; her form or body or any part thereof in such way as to have the effect of being indecent, or derogatory to, or denigrating women, or is likely to deprave, corrupt or injure the public morality or morals;</p>	<p>“ Indecent representation of women” means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) depiction of women as a sexual object which is lascivious or appeals to the prurient interests; or</li> <li>(ii) depiction in any manner of the figure of a woman, her form or body or any part thereof</li> </ul> <p>In such a way as to have the effect of being indecent or derogatory to or denigrating women; or which is likely to deprave, corrupt or injure the public morality or morals.”</p>	<p>To widen the scope of the Act and its applicability.</p>
3	<p>New clause to be introduced after existing sec.2(f)</p>		<p>(g) ‘publish means to prepare, to print or to distribute to anyone for publishing in any book, newspaper, magazine, posters,</p>	<p>To extend the applicability of the Act to visual media and computer, including</p>

			graffiti or periodicals or electronically/digitally conceived/perceived files distributed through audiovisual media including computer, satellite related/connected intra or internet communications	internet.
4	3	3.Prohibition of advertisements containing indecent representation of Women- No person shall publish or cause to be published, or arrange or take part in the publication or exhibition of, any advertisement which contains indecent representation of women in any form.	3. Prohibition of advertisements containing indecent or derogatory representation of Women- No person shall publish, or cause to be published, or arrange or take part in the publication or	Consequential amendment
5	4	4.Prohibition of publication or sending by post of books, pamphlets, etc; containing	4.Prohibition of publication or sending by post of books, pamphlets, etc; containing	To take care of transmission through electronic media.

		<p>indecent representation of women-</p> <p>No person shall produce or cause to produced, sell, let to hire, distribute, circulate or send by post any book, pamphlet, paper, slide, film writing, drawing, painting, photograph, representation or figure which contains indecent representation of women in any form.</p>	<p>indecent representation of women-</p> <p>No person shall produce or cause to produced, sell, let to hire, distribute, circulate or send by post any book, pamphlet, paper, slide, film writing, drawing, painting, photograph, representation or figure which contains indecent representation of women in any form.</p>	
6	6	<p><b>6- Penalty-</b> Any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 3 or Section 4 shall be punishable on imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, and with fine which may extend</p>	<p><b>6- Penalty-</b> Any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 3 or Section 4 shall be punishable on imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, and with fine which may extend to two</p>	<p>To make the punishment more stringent</p>

		to two thousand rupees, and in the even of a second or subsequent conviction with imprisonment for term of not less than six months but which may extend to five years and also with a fine not less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees.	thousand rupees, and in the even of a second or subsequent conviction with imprisonment for term of not less than six months but which may extend to five years and also with a fine not less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to five lakh rupees.	
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