

**Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act
(CHAPTER 184)**

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MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES (PUBLIC ORDER AND NUISANCE) ACT (CHAPTER 184)

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An Act relating to offences against public order, nuisance and property.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act.*

* Cited as the Minor Offences Act in the 1985 Edition.

[10/89]

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“horse” includes mules and asses;

“cattle” includes bulls, cows, bullocks and buffaloes;

“in or near any public road” includes all places in the public road, and all places

within 9 metres of it not being effectually separated from and hidden from the road by a wall or otherwise;

“public place” means any place or premises to which at the material time the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

“public road” includes every road, street, passage, footway or square over which the public has a right of way.

[\[10/89\]](#)

Verandah public roads

3. The open verandahs of houses abutting on the public roads are public roads for foot-passengers subject to all rights of property of the owners of those houses.

Offences how punishable

4. All offences under this Act shall be tried by a Magistrate’s Court or a District Court; and notwithstanding the provisions of any other written law, a Magistrate’s Court or a District Court shall have the power to impose the maximum penalty prescribed for any such offence.

[\[10/89; 12/96\]](#)

PART II

OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER AND NUISANCE

Assemblies and processions

5.—(1) The Minister may make rules —

- (a) regulating assemblies and processions in public roads, public places and places of public resort;
- (b) providing for the grant of permits for holding assemblies and processions in public roads, public places and places of public resort, and the fees to be charged therefor;
- (c) for keeping order and preventing obstruction or inconvenience in public roads, bridges, landing places, and all public places and places of public resort; and
- (d) prescribing the punishment by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or both for any act or omission in contravention of the provisions of any such rules.