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Offense of relating to religion

In secular country like India every person has freedom to profess religion of his choice. No one would be permitted to insult the religion of another.

IPC under its sections from 295 to 298 has given relevant provisions for offences relating to religion.

According to section 295

1. Destroying, damaging or defiling any place of worship
2. Or any object held sacred by any class of persons
3. The offender had intention to insult the religion of any class of persons
- 4 Or he had the knowledge that any class of person would consider such destruction, damage or defilement as an insult to their religion.

Place of worship has not been defined in this section. For the purposes of this section it could be a place which is being used regularly by a class of persons for offering prayers.

Section 295 A , makes deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.

By words either spoken or written

Or by signs or by visible representation or otherwise insults or attempts to insult such religion or religious beliefs , would be an offence punishable under this section .

Stay fit students.

Note :- I would give last lecture now so as to complete the syllabus for this Sem II. However, it is made clear to you that in addition to these e- contents , a repeat class room lectures would also be taken by me once classes are resumed after lockdown.

Take care students.