

Cantonments Act, 2006

Section 155 - Obligation concerning infectious, contagious or communicable diseases

1) Any person being in charge of, or in attendance, whether as a medical practitioner or otherwise, upon any person in a cantonment whom he knows or has reason to believe to be suffering from a contagious, communicable or infectious disease, or being the owner, lessee or occupier of any building in a cantonment in which he knows that any person is so suffering, shall forthwith give information to the Board respecting the existence of such disease. (2) No person shall-- (a) knowing that he is suffering from a contagious, communicable or an infectious disease, expose other persons to the risk of infection by his presence or conduct in any public street or public place; (b) having the care of a person whom he knows to be suffering from a contagious, communicable or an infectious disease cause or permit that person to expose other persons to the risk of infection by his presence or conduct in any such street or place as aforesaid; (c) place or cause to be placed in a dustbin or other receptacle for the deposit of rubbish any matter which he knows or has reason to believe to have been exposed to infection from a contagious, communicable or an infectious disease and which has not been disinfected properly; (d) throw or cause to be thrown into any latrine or urinal any matter which he knows or has reason to believe to have been exposed to infection from a contagious, communicable or an infectious disease and which has not been disinfected properly. (3) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall apply in the case of venereal disease where the person suffering therefrom is under specific and adequate medical treatment and is by reason of his habits and conditions of life and residence unlikely to spread the disease. (4) Whoever-- (a) fails to give information or gives false information to the Board respecting the existence of such disease as is referred to in sub-section (1), or (b) contravenes the provisions of sub-section (2), shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees: Provided that no person shall be punishable for failure to give information if he had reasonable cause to believe that the information had already been duly given.