

**Notice of Offence and Corrupt Practice**

Section 89 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a person is guilty of an offence, if he or she,

* votes without being entitled to do so;
* votes more times than the Act allows;
* induces or procures a person to vote when that person is not entitled to do so;
* before or during an election, publishes a false statement of a candidate's withdrawal;
* furnishes false or misleading information to a person whom this Act authorizes to obtain information;
* without authority, supplies a ballot to anyone;
* delivers to the deputy returning officer to be placed in a ballot box a paper other than the ballot the deputy returning officer gave him or her;
* takes a ballot away from the voting place;
* at an election, takes, opens or otherwise deals with a ballot, a ballot box, or a book or package of ballots without having the authority to do so;
* attempts to do something described in clauses (a) to (l)

Section 90 of the said Act provides that if, when a person is convicted of an offence under Section 89, the presiding judge finds that the offence was committed knowingly, the offence also constitutes a corrupt practice.

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