

## Sania accused of insulting tricolour

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A lawyer in Madhya Pradesh has filed a case against tennis star Sania Mirza for allegedly dishonouring the national flag during her visit to Australia.

Sania, representing India at the Hopman Cup in Australia, has been caught on camera watching a match putting her feet right in front of the national flag of India.

Union Sports Minister Mani Shankar Iyer has also been made a party in the case. "Sania got so much involved in watching the match that she forgot where her feet were, and what is the value of the tricolour in the heart of Indians. She should, therefore, be penalized," Raj Kumar Dubey, the petitioner, contended before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Ajay Shrivastava here.

Dubey urged the court that the sports minister should also be asked to enact a law to deal with rising number of incidents of insult to the national flag. "Either the union minister should act to prevent recurrence of such incidents and inform the court accordingly, or we will act against the minister," Dubey said.

The next date of hearing has been fixed Jan 7.