

**THE PRESS AND REGISARATION OF BOOKS AND NEWS PAPERS  
RULES, 1971**

**HOME DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**

Simla-2, the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1971.

**No. 6-16/63/Home.-** In supersession of the Himachal Pradesh Government notification No. C. 88-2/51, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1951 and the rules in so far these are applicable to the areas of the erstwhile Punjab State now merged in Himachal Pradesh after the re-organisation of the Punjab State, published vide Punjab Government notification No. 43-PB-(C)-58/1609, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1958, and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers Act, 1867, the Government, Himachal Pradesh, is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. (i) These rules may be called the Himachal Pradesh Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers Rules, 1971.

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. In these rules-

‘Act’ means the Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers Act, 1867 (Act XXV of 1867), as amended from time to time.

3. Every person, who intends to make and subscribe a declaration under section 4 or section 5 of the Act, as the keeper of a printing Press or the printer and publisher of a newspaper, shall give, not less than thirty days before the date on which the declaration is required to be made and subscribed, a notice in Form A to the District Magistrate, or the Sub-Divisional Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the Press may be, or the newspaper shall be printed or published or the printer or publisher resides.

4. One copy of every book referred to and described in clause (a) of section 9 of the Act shall be delivered free of cost by the printer at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of the District, in which the Press out of which the book shall be delivered is situated, together with a statement, as far as may be, giving the particulars set forth in section 18 of the Act.

5. The Deputy Commissioner of the district shall arrange of a summary examination in his office of the said copy and shall forward it, together with the statement referred to in rule 4 and a report to the State Government. A catalogue of all the publications shall be prepared under section 18 of the Act in the Home Department, under the supervision of the Section Officer (Home) and it shall be published quarterly in the Official Gazette.

6. Any person who as the keeper of a Press has made the declaration required by section 4 of the Act shall, on ceasing to be the keeper of the said Press, make a declaration to that effect in Form B before the District

Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate within whose jurisdiction the said Press has been kept.

7. One copy of the book printed by any publisher/printer shall be sent to the Chief Librarian, Parliamentary Library, Parliament House, New Delhi-2, direct as and when printed/published.

8. One copy of every book referred to and described in clause (b) of section 9 of the Act, shall, when required, be indented for from the Press by the State Government through the Section Officer, Home Department, Himachal Pradesh Secretariat, Simla, and the Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the press printing the said publication is situated.

9. (Any person, who contravenes any of the provisions of these Rules for which no specific punishment has been provided for in the Act, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

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(R.H.P., dated 22-1-1972, p. 85-36).

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1. *Note*.- Amendments made vide Home Department Nos. No. 6-16/63-Home(A), dated 25-8-1973, published in R.H.P., dated 15-9-1973, p.146 have been incorporated.