

PUNJAB DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES ACT, 1964

•1964 Pb. 059 PUNJAB .PERFOR.MANC?S acr Arrangemetæt oj 1. Short title and extent

2. Definitions

3. Power to prohibit objectionable performances, 4.. Power , to prohibit objectionable performances tempora- 6. 7, 8. 9. 14. rily. Service oi order of prohibition. Penatly for disobeying Penalty for disobeying prohibition. Power to for intorma\$ion. Power to call fqc copy ot purport of drama etc. Appeal, Saving of prosecutions under other laws. Protection for acts done in good faith. Power to make rules. of Central Act 1876. PUNJAB. NO.,FIO': OE 1964. {Reiéived •the. Of.' GO'85eF9üir' gf.:P.cvnjab on the 16th April;• 1964 bpåb {iéhéð-• •the Pa.l@jobn Govem,meg-t Gazette p,ættaordittaig); Liégislative Of' ihé• 2ist 2 1964 i Sh Ort The performances Whether sepc.aied OrdeS096\$,: ACT to better of-:püblíc dramatic per• jormences in the Steie of Punjab. •BE it enacted by-the 'Législature of I-he' State of Punjab in 'the Fifteen.ih of: thé Repubkic of India as 'follows . This Act niay be called the Purüåb Drama- Short. title and E*ftént' tic. Performances (2) It extends, to '-the whcle-•of ,the terli- tory of Chandigarh]. 2. 'this Ac.l., Ämlpss t,hé- éOtext. otherwise: quires,— (1) 'fobiectíonable• performance" meåhs• any play pantomirne or •.other drama Which and Reasons, see Punjab Government 1964, 'pageg words 'estate i: O±der; ' d9\$8. bj blasphemgüing,or, pvo\$an; ing the the religious beliefs that clas\$ or is 'groéSly indecent, or for or which _iS likely to—e- (i) incite .perSory vipléoge or sabotage for the puOose of overthrow- ing or undermining the established bylaw iu 'India or in Any State thereof or its _ authority -any grea t; •or (ii) incite any v person tp copirnit murder, sabotage any Offence inVolving violence ; 0! (iii) seduce any' member Ot any of the armed fore€> of the. Union or of the police forces from his allegiance or his duty, or prejudice - thenrecruitmg ot persons to serve tin •any such •force or prejudice the discipline of iany,,such *orce (iv) incite section of Mthe citizens Of ludia to acts. of •Violence againSt any section Ot the citizens of India. A performance shall hot bé deém- to be objectionable merely ,beqauSe in- "'the course thereof words are uttered, ov signs or visible represen- tations are made, -expressing disappr;obation or criti., cism of any låw or of any policy 'Of administrative action of the Government with a view to , obtain its alteration -of medress by means. IJ.•4nLiadgingÄVhethér any perfor- mange is an objectionable-performance,' the' play; pan- tomime or other shall be considered as a Whole; (2) "pub.tie place" means. any building .or closure, or any place in open air •Orzany iüh.érp;thé, kidés• -Whit'.h' adigifféd' performäTlee. 3, Whenever the District Magistvaté is satis- or Other. 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Magistrate may; if he iS of?ower opiniåri å;hat. any-play; pantomime 6r other drama •per able formed, abouttto lbe, performed- in public s his-diÉtfic.t.-' being •of the nature' specified in'- clauSéA ily • ofrsection: 'likéty to a breath of the peace, by' order, stating. thevgroulids for such opinion, bit its peffohnance . Provided that the i)istrict Magistrate may review csuch order on an application. made by the person • or patty"affecfed-by it. (2) Subject to a'ny Order made on appeal under, section '-IO, ån order under 'this section shaly remain in farce for two months from the making théreof PPÖVided that-the District Magistrretp rnav, if, hé 3s of. epiniöil-, th-åt ;åhe ordér; should qöntinne force, for: excéédihg stich Order orders. 05. 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 Which may extend to one thousand, rupees; or Witw both. (2); Any person who 'béiiig thé or having the
 use of any place, opens, keeps or uses the any pérfoptanee-xprohibitéd under section- 3 or section- 4, or-
 permits the same tp be.opened, kept used for uanv such performance, shall, on viction, be' punishable with
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 (the •performance, to lthe District KMagistrate. (2)! A copy •Of •any \Ordér made under 'sub-section (I)
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 '...Order, he conviction, be-- .with.impriæonm.ent for a terni i.\$hich extend, to 'three 'with fine which may
 extend to one thousand rupees, or •with both. Any person aggrieved by an order made mider section 3 or
 section 4 may, within sixty days of the .pbbliéation of such orden in the official Gazette under sub-section
 (3) of section 3 or, as the ease may be, within sixty days Of th edate on which an order undef section 4' is
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 thereunder. ,13;• (l) The Cent-rab Government] may', -by -note ficat..ion-ma.Q; rules to; carry out the,
 purposes this Act, 14-. The Dramatic - Performances A-ot; Cents Act (Central Act XTX of 1876), in
 applies Xto the. State of Punjab, •is hereby repealed. lSubstiitued_ zthe 'State by' %the ReorgauigT*tioc;
 (Chandigarh *dubtåtion : On Stade cufreätk\$ï_ibietsn Order* 1968. 't.hé"wotdd "StÅtét Göternmeiit"
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