

MEGHALAYA ACT 7 OF 1977

**THE MEGHALAYA ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS (PROTECTION OF PUBLICATION)
ACT, 1977.**

(As passed by the Assembly)

[Received the assent of the Governor on the 2nd December 1977]

An

Act

**to provide for protection of publication of reports of the
proceedings of the Assembly**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Meghalaya in the Twenty-eight Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

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| Short title | 1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Assembly and |
| commencement | Proceedings (Protection of Publication) Act, 1977. |
| | (2) It shall come into force at once. |
| Definitions. | 2. In this Act "Newspaper" means any printed periodical work containing public news or comments on public news, and includes a news-agency supplying material for publication in a newspaper. |
| Publication of reports
Assembly | 3. (1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no of the person shall be liable to any proceedings, civil or proceedings criminal, in any court in respect of the publication in a |
| privileged. | newspaper of a substantially true report of any proceedings of the House of the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya unless the publication is proved to have been made with malice. |
| | (2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be construed as protecting the publication of any matter, the publication of which is not for the public good. |
| Act also to apply to
proceedings
broadcast by wireless | 4. The Act shall apply in relation to reports or matters Assembly broadcast by means of wireless telegraphy as part of any programme or service provided by means of a telegraphy. broadcasting station situate in India as it applies in relation to reports or matters published in a newspaper. |