

The Publication of Books (Regulation and Control) Ordinance, 1965 (East Pakistan Ordinance)

(EAST PAKISTAN ORDINANCE NO. V OF 1965)

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of printing and publication of books or works first published in a foreign country.^{1♣}

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation and control of printing and publication of books or works first published in a foreign country;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly of East Pakistan is not in session and the Governor is satisfied that circumstances exist which render immediate legislation necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 79 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Governor is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:-

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the ²[* * *] Publication of Books (Regulation and Control) Ordinance, 1965.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions

2. (1) In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) “book” includes every volume, part or division of a volume, and pamphlet, in any language, and every sheet of music, map, chart or plan, separately printed or lithographed, but does not include a newspaper;

(b) “person” shall, include the proprietors, directors, managers, secretary or other officer or agent of a company or body corporate;

(c) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance;
and

(d) "work" means a literary work.

(2) All words used in this Ordinance, but not defined in this Ordinance, and used in the ³[Printing Presses and Publications (Declaration and Registration) Act, 1973 (XXIII of 1973) and কপিরাইট আইন, ২০০০ (২০০০ সনের ২৮ নং আইন)], shall have the same meanings as in those Ordinances.

**Restriction
on
Publication
of certain
books or
works**

3. (1) No person shall, except with the permission of the Government or such officer as may be specially empowered in this behalf, print or publish any book or work which is first printed or published in any foreign country.

(2) Any person who has printed or published any book or work, which was first printed or published in any foreign country, immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, shall, within two months from the date of commencement of this Ordinance, obtain permission of the Government under this Ordinance for publication or putting on circulation of such books or works.

**Application
for
permission**

4. (1) An application for permission to print or publish a book or work shall be made in such manner and form and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(2) The Government or the officer specially empowered under sub-section (1) of section 3 shall refuse permission to print or publish a book or work if the book or work is prejudicial to the tradition, culture or national interest.

Appeal

5. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order under sub-section (2) of section 4 may, within one month from the date of such order,-

(a) prefer an appeal to the Government, if such order is passed by the officer specially empowered under sub-section (1) of section 3, or

(b) apply for a review to the Government if such order is passed by the Government.

(2) Any order passed in appeal or review under sub-section (1) shall be final and shall not be called in question in any Court.