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Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2012, (Central)

Section 17 - Amendment of Section 31a

In section 31A of the principal Act,-

(i) in the marginal heading, for the words "Indian works", the words "or published works" shall be substituted;

(ii) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) Where, in the case of any unpublished work or any work published or communicated to the public and the work is withheld from the public in India, the author is dead or unknown or cannot be traced, or the owner of the copyright in such work cannot be found, any person may apply to the Copyright Board for a licence to publish or communicate to the public such work or a translation thereof in any language."