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Dramatic Performances Act, 1876

Section 3 - Power to Prohibit Certain Dramatic Performances

Whenever the State Government is of opinion that any play, pantomime or other drama performed or about to be performed in a public place is--

(a) of a scandalous or defamatory nature, or

(b) likely to excite feelings of disaffection to the Government established by law in {Subs. by the A.O.1948 for "British India or British Burma"}[India] or

(c) likely to deprave and corrupt persons present at the performance, the State Government, or outside the Presidency-towns {The words "and Rangoon" were rep. by the A.O.1937} the State Government or such Magistrate as it may empower in this behalf, may by order prohibit the performance.

Explanation.--Any building or enclosure to which the public are admitted to witness a performance on payment of money shall be deemed a "public place" within the meaning of this section.
