

Dramatic Performances Act, 1964

Section 3 - Power to Prohibit Objectionable Performance

(1) If any play, pantomime or other drama performed or about to be performed in a public place is in the opinion of the State Government an objectionable performance, it shall, by notice, stating therein the grounds on which it is considered that the performance is objectionable, require the organisers or other principal persons responsible for the conduct of the performance or the owner or occupier of such public place, to show cause within a specified period, why the performance should not be prohibited.

(2)(a) If the persons to whom a notice is issued under sub-section (1),

(i) show cause as aforesaid; and after considering the representations made and any evidence adduced, the State Government is satisfied that the performance is not objectionable; or

(ii) undertake to modify the performance by omitting the utterance of words or the signs or visible representations which are objectionable;

the State Government shall drop further proceedings.

(b) If the persons to whom a notice is issued under sub-section (1),

(i) do not show cause as aforesaid; or

(ii) shows cause as aforesaid, and after considering the representations made and any evidence adduced, the State Government is satisfied that the performance is objectionable,

the State Government may, by order, stating the grounds on which it considers the performance objectionable, prohibit the performance.

(3) Every order made under clause (b) of sub-section (2) shall forthwith be published in the official Gazette.

(4) Any order made under clause (b) or sub-section (1) may also be notified by proclamation and a written or printed notice thereof may be affixed at any place or places adapted for giving information of the order to the persons intending to take part in the performance so prohibited.
