

Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Rules, 1955

Notification.- S. R. O. 587. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 (27 of 1954), The Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

11th March, 1955

1. Short title.- These rules may be called the Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Rules, 1955.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :-

(a) "the Act" means the Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 (27 of 1954);

(b) "Librarian", in relation to a public library, means the person in charge of such public library, and includes any person authorised by him in this behalf to discharge all or any of the functions imposed on him by or under the Act;

(c) "section" means section of the Act; and

(d) all words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Mode of delivery.- Subject to the provisions of section 3 a copy of every book published by a publisher shall be delivered by him to the librarian of each public library either by registered post or through a special messenger and the librarian to whom the copy is so delivered shall forthwith acknowledge receipt thereof in the Form annexed hereto and send it to the publisher by registered post and such receipt shall be conclusive proof of the fact that a copy of the book has been duly delivered to the public library of which he is the librarian.

4. Prosecution of a defaulting publisher.- Where a copy of the book published after the 20th day of May, 1954 has not been delivered to a public library within a period of thirty days from the date of its publication, the officer empowered under sub-section (1) of section 6 may at any time after the expiry of the said period make a complaint to the court against the publisher of such book for his failure to deliver a copy to the public library named in the complaint and such complaint shall be inquired into and tried by the court according to the procedure laid in the Code of Criminal

Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898):

Provided that before a complaint is made to the court, a notice thereof may be given to the publisher by the librarian stating that he has failed to deliver a copy of such book within a period of thirty days of its publication and that if a copy is not delivered within a period of thirty days of the receipt of the notice he shall make himself liable to a penalty under section 5.

5. Information regarding the correct date of publication.- The publisher of every book shall affix on the copy of the book delivered to every public library a stamp bearing the date of the publication of the book and specifying that "the copy delivered is pursuant to the Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Act, 1954."

6. Memoranda of Books.- The publisher of every book shall furnish to the librarian a statement containing (so far as may be practicable) the following particulars, that is to say, -

- (1) the title of the book and the contents of the title page, with a translation into English of such title and contents, when the same are not in the English language;
- (2) the language in which the book is written;
- (3) the name of the author, translator or editor of the book or any part thereof;
- (4) the subject;
- (5) the place of printing and the place of publication;
- (6) the name or firm of the printer and the name or firm of the publisher;
- (7) the date of issue from the press or of the publication;
- (8) the number of sheets, leaves or pages;
- (9) the size;
- (10) the first, second or other number of the edition;
- (11) the number of copies of which the edition consists

(12) whether the book is printed or lithographed;

(13) the price at which the book is sold to the public; and

(14) the name and residence of the proprietor of the copyright or of any portion of such copyright.