

Amendment of Copyright Act

1963. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent any proposals for bringing the Copyright Act upto date to various Publishers/Industries/Libraries/States for their comments;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposals and the reaction of Publishers/Industries/Libraries/States in this regard; and

(c) when Government propose to bring forward legislation in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Proposals to (i) accord more effective protection to authors, (ii) incorporate certain changes found necessary in the light of the experience gained in the working of the existing Copyright Act and (iii) take advantage of certain concessions offered to developing countries in the two international conventions on Copyright as revised at Paris in July, 1971, were circulated to various organisations, State Governments and individuals interested in Copyright. The proposals, particularly those which seek to give greater protection to authors, have been generally welcomed

(c) The amending Bills proposed to be introduced in the Parliament as early as possible.

Survey of unapproved colonies in Delhi

1964. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to his statement appearing in the local Hindi

Daily dated the 26th July, 1976 regarding Unapproved Colonies in Delhi and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to approve all the Unapproved Colonies;

(b) if so, by which date the announcement will be made; and

(c) whether DDA has undertaken operations of constructing roads, etc., in such unapproved colonies in the absence of the decision of the High Power Committee?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) and (b). No decision has so far been taken

(b) No, Sir.

Survey on development of higher education in Universities of Orissa

1965 SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry surveyed the Universities of Orissa to identify the degree of development in higher education field;

(b) if so, what are findings in this regard and the steps suggested by them to the Government of Orissa and to the concerned Department of the Central Government;

(c) the districts identified as backward districts in the field of education and the facilities and proposals suggested to improve the colleges of the districts; and

(d) the amount released by the University Grants Commission to the Universities in the year 1975-76?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the University Grants

Commission, no survey, as such, of the Universities of Orissa to identify the degree of development in higher education, was undertaken by the Commission. The Commission had, however, appointed a Visiting Committee to assess the Fifth Plan requirements of three Universities in Orissa, namely the Universities of Berhampur, Sambalpur and Utkal. The report of the Committee, dealing with the main aspects of education and literacy in the State includes the following recommendations:

"The State Government should set up a planning and coordinating cell at the highest level in the State to coordinate and integrate the development programmes of the universities in the State. This cell may have a nominee of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellors of all the three universities, the Education Minister of the State, the Education Secretary, a representative of the University Grants Commission and a representative of P.W.D. The establishment of such a cell will set in motion the process of inter-university cooperation in the State. Similarly, at the university level, there may be a planning and coordinating Committee which may undertake a periodical review of the activities of the university and evaluate progress of all the projects and schemes approved by the University Grants Commission and the State Government. Periodical evaluation of the progress of the programmes would help the universities in having an up-to-date knowledge of the implementation of various schemes and enable them to modify and make adjustments wherever necessary".

The report of the Visiting Committee alongwith the schemes approved by the Commission on its recommendations and the allocation of funds for them in the Fifth Plan has been sent to the three universities in the State and the Government of Orissa in September, 1975.

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(c) The Commission has not, by itself, identified any educationally backward district in the State but according to the information furnished by the Planning Commission the districts of Bolangir, Kalakandi, Keorjhar, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Phulbani, Balasore and Dhenkanal have been identified as backward areas, industrially backward districts of the State. The Commission is considering proposals for assistance for improvement and expansion of educational facilities received from the colleges of these areas/districts in relaxation of the usual eligibility conditions for assistance to such colleges. The Commission has further decided that, keeping in view the special position of Orissa and some other similar States, the question of development of few selected colleges may be discussed with the State Government to do planning at district level and indicate which of the colleges should be developed from the point of view of meeting the needs of students in the backward areas and tribal areas. This decision was communicated to the State Government in January, 1976. No communication has been received from the State Government in reply to this suggestion. The Commission has also recently suggested to the Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities to select one or two colleges in each district for purposes of qualitative development.

(d) The University Grants Commission released the following grants to the three Universities in Orissa during 1975-76:—

Name of the University	Grants Released	
	University	College
	Rs.	Rs.
Berhampur	8,13,414 *526	2,58,200
Sambalpur	16,15,422 *11,782	2,67,483
Utkal	20,06,420 * 86,565	3,54,265 *875

*By adjustment.