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(ACT NO. 17 OF 1974)¹

(Received the assent of the President on the 2nd August, 1974 and was published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh (Extra-ordinary), dated the 27th August, 1974, pp. 1223-1224).

An Act to amend the Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers Act, 1867 (Act No. 25 of 1867) in its application to the State of Himachal Pradesh.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Act, 1973.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Himachal Pradesh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 4.- After sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Press and Registration of Books and Newspapers Act, 1867 (25 of 1867) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following sub-section shall be added, namely:-

"(3) As often as a press for the printing of books and papers having ceased to function is restarted, a new declaration shall be necessary.

(4) For the purposes of this Act a printing press shall be deemed to have ceased to function if no books or papers are printed

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh (Extra-ordinary), dated 28th April, 1973, p. 634.

therein for a period of six consecutive months."

3. Insertion of new section 4-A.- After section 4 of the principal Act, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

"4-A. Where any declaration is made and subscribed under section 4 in respect of a printing press, the declaration shall not, save in the case of printing press kept by the same person, be so accepted unless the Magistrate is satisfied from an enquiry made in this behalf from the State Government or otherwise that the press proposed to be started does not bear a title which is the same as, or similar to, that of any other press in existence in the State of Himachal Pradesh."

4. Repeal and savings.- The Press and Registration of Books (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1942 (14 of 1942) and the Press and Registration of Books (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1957 (15 of 1957) as in force in the areas added to Himachal Pradesh under section 5 of the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966 (31 of 1966) are hereby repealed:

Provided that anything done or any action taken in exercise of the powers conferred by or under the provisions of the Acts so repealed shall be to the extent of its being consistent with the provisions of this Act be deemed to have been done or taken in exercise of the powers conferred by or under this Act, as if this Act was in force on the day on which such thing was done or action taken.
