

PART I

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 20th September, 1978

No. 31-Leg./78.—The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 19th September, 1978, and is hereby published for general information :—

Punjab Act No. 16 of 1978

THE PUNJAB STATE LEGISLATURE (PROTECTION OF  
PUBLICATION) ACT, 1978

AN

ACT

*to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of State  
Legislature.*

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the  
Twenty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab State Legislature  
(Protection of Publication) Act, 1978.

Short title.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab.

2. In this Act "newspaper" means any printed periodical work  
containing public news or comments on public news, and includes a  
news-agency supplying material for publication in newspaper.

Definition.

3. (1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no person  
shall be liable to any proceedings, civil or criminal, in any court in  
respect of the publication in a newspaper of a substantially true  
report of any proceedings of the State Legislature unless the publica-  
tion is proved to have been made with malice.

Publication  
of reports  
of State  
Legislature's  
Proceedings.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be construed as protecting  
the publication of any matter, the publication of which is not for the  
public good.

4. This Act shall apply in relation to reports or matters broad-  
cast by means of wireless telegraphy as part of any programme or  
service provided by means of a broadcasting station situate within  
the territories of the State of Punjab as it applies in relation to  
reports or matters published in a newspaper.

Act also to  
apply to  
State Legis-  
lature's pro-  
ceedings  
broadcast  
by wireless  
telegraphy.

INDERJIT LAL AHLUWALIA,

Additional Secretary to Government, Punjab,  
Legislative Department.