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Government Notifications

NOTE.—THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY (SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS) REGULATIONS REPRODUCED IN GAZETTE No. 10,566 OF AUGUST 14, 1953, WAS INCORRECT. THE CORRECT TEXT IS THAT PUBLISHED IN THIS GAZETTE.

THE PUBLIC SECURITY ORDINANCE, No. 25 OF 1947

REGULATIONS made by the Officer Administering the Government, upon the recommendation of the Prime Minister, under section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance, No. 25 of 1947.

August 14, 1953

ALAN ROSE,
Officer Administering the Government

Regulations

1. (1) A Competent Authority appointed by the Prime Minister may take such measures and give such directions as he may consider necessary for preventing or restricting the publication in Ceylon of matter which would or might be prejudicial to the interests of public security or the preservation of public order or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community or of matter inciting or encouraging persons to take any action calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the public or any section thereof and directions under this paragraph may contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as appear to the Competent Authority to be necessary or expedient, including provisions for securing that documents, pictorial representations, photographs or cinematograph films shall, before publication, be submitted or exhibited to the Competent Authority

(2) Every person who contravenes the provisions of any directions given under paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence against this regulation, and if any person is convicted of such an offence by reason of his having published a newspaper, the Prime Minister may by order direct that, during such period as may be specified in that order, that person shall not publish any newspaper in Ceylon.

2 (1) If a Competent Authority appointed by the Prime Minister is satisfied that there is or has been in any newspaper publication of matter which is, in his opinion, calculated to be prejudicial to the interests of public security or the preservation of public order or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, or matter inciting or encouraging persons to take action calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the public or any section thereof, he may by order apply the provisions of this regulation to that newspaper

(2) Where a Competent Authority appointed by the Prime Minister has, by order, applied the provisions of this regulation to any newspaper specified by name in the order, such provisions shall apply not only to any newspaper published under that name, but also to any newspapers published under any other name if the publication thereof is in any respects in continuation of, or in substitution for, the publication of the newspaper specified in the order

(3) No person shall print, publish or distribute or be in any way concerned in the printing, publication or distribution of any newspaper to which this regulation applies.

(4) At any time after an order has been made under this regulation, the Prime Minister may direct that the operation of the order be suspended subject to such conditions as the Prime Minister thinks fit, and may at any time revoke such direction.

3. If a Competent Authority appointed by the Prime Minister is of opinion that any printing press, or a printing press under the control of any person, has been or is likely to be used for the production of any document containing matter which is in his opinion calculated to prejudice the interests of the public safety or the preservation of public order or the maintenance of essential services and supplies, or matter inciting or encouraging persons to take any action calculated to coerce the Government either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the public or any section thereof, the Competent Authority may by order direct that the printing press, or all or any of the printing presses under the control of that person, as the case may be, shall not be used so long as the order is in force, and any such order may authorise any persons specified therein to take such steps (including the taking possession of any printing press with respect to which the order is made or of any premises in which it is contained or of any part of such printing press or premises) as appear to the persons so authorised to be necessary for securing compliance with the order.

4. (1) For the purposes of regulations 2 and 3, there shall be one or more Advisory Committees consisting of persons appointed by the Prime Minister, and any person dissatisfied with any order or direction made or given under either of those regulations make his objections in respect thereof to the Committee.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Competent Authority appointed by the Prime Minister to secure that in any case where an order is made under Regulation 2 or Regulation 3 the proprietor of the newspaper or the owner of the printing press affected thereby is informed that he may make representations to the Prime Minister in writing with respect to that order and that he may, whether or not such representations are made, make objections to such an Advisory Committee

(3) Any meeting of an Advisory Committee held to consider such objections as aforesaid shall be presided over by a chairman nominated by the Prime Minister and it shall be the duty of the chairman to afford to the objector an opportunity of making representations in person in support of his objections

(4) The report of an Advisory Committee upon any such objections shall be submitted to the Prime Minister, who may after consideration thereof revoke the order or directions to which the objections relate

5. Where any newspaper is printed, published or distributed in contravention of any provision of these Regulations or of any condition attached to a direction given under paragraph (4) of Regulation 2, the proprietor, the manager, the editor and the publisher of that newspaper shall, whether or not the direction is revoked in consequence of the contravention be severally guilty of an offence against these Regulations

6 In these Regulations—

- (a) the expression "cinematograph films" includes a sound-track and any other article on which sounds have been recorded for the purpose of their being reproduced in connection with the exhibition of such a film,
- (b) the expression "publication" means, in relation to a cinematograph film, the exhibition of the film to the public, and includes the mechanical or electrical reproductions of any sounds in connection with the exhibition of the film as aforesaid.
- (c) the expression "newspaper" includes any journal, magazines, pamphlets or other publications; and
- (d) the expression "printing press" includes any machinery, apparatus or plant capable of being used for printing, lithography, photography, or other mode of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, or any type or other article belonging to such machinery, apparatus or plant.

7 These regulations may be cited as the Emergency (Seditious Publications) Regulations

EMERGENCY (SEDITIONS POWERS) REGULATIONS

Notification

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by sub-para 1 of para 1 of the Emergency (Seditious Publications) Regulations, I, Dudley Senanayake, Prime Minister, do hereby appoint Mr. Neville Joseph Louis Jansz, Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs, to be a Competent Authority for the whole Island for the purpose of the aforesaid Regulations

Colombo, August 14, 1953

DUDLEY SENANAYAKE,
Prime Minister.