

"FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION"



Constitutional Perspectives



Right to Freedom

- Guaranteed by— Constitution of India.
- Guaranteed to---Citizens of India.
- Guaranteed under--Article 19(1).
- Restricted under--Article 19 (2).



Rights Guaranteed Under Article 19 (1)--

- A. Freedom of Speech and Expression.
- B. Freedom of Assembly.
- C. Freedom to form Association.
- D. Freedom of Movement.
- E. Freedom to Reside and Settle.
- F. ***OMITTED UNDER 44TH AMENDMENT ACT 1978.
- G. Freedom of Profession, Occupation, Trade or Business.



Grounds of Restrictions

- Security of the State.
- * Friendly relations with the Foreign States.
- Public order.
- Decency & Morality.
- Contempt of Court.
- Defamation.
- Incitement to an offence.
- Sovereignty and integrity of the nation.



"Security of the State"

- 19 (2) says the reasonable restrictions can be imposed on the freedom of speech and expression in *interest of security of the nation*.
- An incitement to an armed revolution though infructuous ultimately is enough to attract the term Security of the State.



"Friendly Relations with the States"

- Inserted by the 1st Amendment Act 1951.
- To prohibit unrestrained malicious propaganda against the foreign friendly nation.



"Public Order"

- Something more than ordinary maintenance of law and order.
- Synonymous with public peace, safety & tranquility -- Kanu Biswas v.State of WB AIR 1972 SC 1656
- Anything that disturbs public tranquility or public peace disturbs public order. —
 Om Prakash v. Emperor AIR 1948 Nag 199



"Public Order"

- The concept of law and order, public order and the state security can be exemplified with the help and three concentric circles with respective order -- representing their respective importance....--- Kishori Mohan v. State of WB 1973 SC 1749.
- Public order includes public safety----Romesh Thapar v. State of Madras 1950 SC 124



"Public Order"

- Public safety means protecting communities from the internal and external danger.
- Creating internal disorder /rebellions would definitely affecting the public order and safety.

Brij Bhushan v State of Delhi AIR 1950 SC 129

• Absence of violence and an orderly state of affairs in which citizens can peacefully pursue their normal avocation of life---

Basudev v. Rex AIR 1949 All.513 FB.



"Decency and Morality"

- Synonymous with obscenity.
- Whether the alleged things corrupts or deprave the minds open to these immoral influences.
- The person into whose hands the publication is likely to fall.



"Contempt of Court"

- . Restrictions on free speech and expression can be imposed.
- . If excess the reasonable or fair limit.



"Defamation"

- . Injuring anyone's reputation
- . Without facts and truth
- · Amounts defamation



"Incitement to an Offence"

- . Added to the Constitution
- . First Amendment Act 1951



"Integrity and Sovereignty of India

- . Added by the Constitution 16th Amendment Act -- 1963
- . Involves the challenges to sovereignty and integrity of the nation
- Involves the preaching cession of any part of India from the union.



'THANK YOU'