

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore, dated 4.1.2005.

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Sub: The growing menace of piracy to the film and music Industry in the country.

With reference to the above the Government of India has stated vide D.O. letter No. 115 508-F(1) Dated October 7, 2004 the several forums of the growing menace of piracy to the film and music Industry in the country due to which both industry and Government are losing revenue.

2. The Central Government has been taking several measures to combat piracy and the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 has provided ample safeguards against violation of copyright. the effectiveness of the law lies in its enforcement, which falls within the purview of the State Government and its law enforcement agencies.

3. It has been felt that while efforts are made to curb piracy by ground level law enforcement authorities, these are not reflected in a consolidated manner. In discussion with the Industry, it has been suggested that such data would get sufficient prominence and importance if all the District Magistrates Superintendents of Police were to include the measures taken for anti piracy in areas under their jurisdiction, data regarding raids conducted, goods seized etc., in the monthly activity reports submitted by these officers to the Government. In this manner, information relating to anti piracy measures at the ground level would be available at one place and would enable both the State Government as well as the Central Government to review the kind of action that is currently being taken and would provide pointers for any other initiatives that may be required to be taken to combat piracy in the film and music industry.

4. As per section 64 of the copyright Act 1957, action to be taken by any police officers not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, may, if he is satisfied that an offence under section 63 in respect of the infringement of copyright in any work has been, is being or is likely to be committed, seize, without warrant, all copies of the work & all plates used for the purpose of



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Copy to Super. of Police Hassan Distt Hassan, & All the S.O.M & Jharkidari of the Distt for information & Necessary action

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Additional District Magistrate
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making or bringing copies of the work wherever found and all copies and plates so seized shall as soon as practicable, be produced before a Magistrate.

5. It is hereby directed to implement the Act and Rules strictly, and take stringent action against those responsible for any violation of the Act. Further, information relating to Piracy shall be sent to Information & Broad Casting Ministry regularly on a Quarterly basis under intimation to the State Government.

(A.S. Kantaraju)

Under Secretary to Government
Home & Transport Department,
V.O. (Prisons & Cinema)

To:

- 1) All the Deputy Commissioners Superintendent of Police of the District.
- 2) The Director General and Inspector General of Police, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore.

Copy to:

- 1) The Secretary to Government of India, Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi-1
- 2) P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka.
- 3) P.S. to Private Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
- 3) P.S. to Secretary to Government, Information, Tourism and Youth Service Department.
- 5) Commissioner of Information Department, Bangalore-51.
- 6) The President, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.