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ORISSA ACT XIV OF 1954

THE ORISSA OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT, 1954

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AN ACT TO DECLARE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE OF ORISSA

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the adoption of Oriya as the language to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the State of Orissa.

It is hereby enacted by the Legislature of the State of Orissa in the fifth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Orissa Official Language Act, 1954.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Orissa

(3) It shall come into force at once

Official Language for official purposes of the State.

2. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of articles 346 and 347 of the Constitution, Oriya shall be the language to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the State of Orissa.

(2) The State Government may, by notification, direct that in any specified area and with effect from any specified date Oriya shall be used in respect of such official purposes as may be specified in the notification.

Language to be used in bills, etc.

(3) On and from such date as the State Government may by notification, appoint in this behalf, the language to be used in—

(a) all bills to be introduced or amendments there to be moved in the Orissa Legislative Assembly ;

(b) all Acts passed by the State Legislature ;

(c) all Ordinances promulgated by the Governor under Article 213 of the Constitution ; and

(d) all Orders, Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws issued by the State Government under the Constitution or under any law made by Parliament or the Legislature of the State, shall be Oriya :

Provided that the State Government may appoint different dates in respect of any of the items referred to in clauses (a) to (d) above.

"3-A Notwithstanding the expiration of the period of fifteen years from the commencement of the Constitution of India, the English Language may, as from the 26th day of January, 1965, continue to be used in addition to Oriya for the transaction of business in Legislature of the State of Orissa."