

APPENDIX – 7**Authority versus the Press – The various laws in India.**

1. Regulation of 1799 (First Censorship Law).
(Censorship Law modified in 1813)
2. Ordinance of 1823 (Adams Regulation Act).
3. Metcalfe Act of 1835.
4. Act of 1857 (Restrictions Reimposed)
5. The Indian Penal Code, 1860.
6. The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.
7. The Vernacular Press Act, 1878.
8. Repeal of Vernacular Press Act, 1882.
9. The Official Secret Act, 1889.
(It was first introduced in 1869).
10. The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898.
11. Newspapers Incitement to Offence Act 1908 and 1910.
12. The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1913.
13. The Defence of India Regulation, 1914.
14. The Official Secret Act, 1923.
15. The Indian Press Emergency Powers Act, 1931.
16. The Defence of India Rules, 1939.
17. Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951 (The Act of 1931 was replaced by the Act of 1951. This Act was temporary one and was allowed to lapse in February 1956 and was replaced by - Act of 1958.

18. Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act, 1976-
(It was replaced by Act of 1977).
19. Defamation Bill, 1988 (Introduced but was withdrawn latter on).

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