



MOHANLAL SUKHADIA UNIVERSITY, UDAIPUR

FACULTY OF LAW

THIRD SEMESTER MASTER OF LAWS

(CONSTITUTION BRANCH)

PAPER – I (PAPER CODE - 53901) : (PAPER NAME – MASS MEDIA LAW)

Max. Marks: 100 (80 External + 20 Internal)

Min. Marks: 40

Unit I : Mass Media – Types of – Press Films, Radio Television

- a. Ownership patterns – Press – Private – Public
- b. Ownership patterns – Films –Private
- c. Ownership patterns – Radio & Television, Public
- d. Difference between visual and non-Visual Media- Impact on Peoples Minds.

Unit II : Press – Freedom of Speech and Expression Article 19(i)(A)

- a. Includes Freedom of the Press
- b. Laws of defamation, obscenity, blasphemy and sedition
- c. The relating to employees wages and service conditions
- d. Price and Page Schedule Regulation
- e. Newsprint Control Order
- f. Advertisement - Is it included within freedom of speech and expression?

Unit III : Films - How far included in freedom in or speech and expression?

- a. Censorship of films – constitutionality
- b. The Abbas Case
- c. Difference between films and Press - Why pre- censorship valid for films but not for the Press?
- d. Censorship under the Cinematograph Act.

Unit IV: Radio and Television - Government monopoly.

- a. Why Government department?
- b. Should there be an autonomous corporation?
- c. Effect of television on people.
- d. Report of the Chanda Committee.
- e. Government policy.
- f. Commercial advertisement
- g. Judicial Review of Doordarshan decisions: Freedom to telecast.
- h. Radio and television subject to law of defamation and obscenity.

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3. John B.Howard, "The Social Accountability of Public Enterprises: in Law and Community Controls in New Development Strategies (International Centre for Law in Development 1980).
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Student should consult relevant volumes of the Annual Survey of Indian Law published by the India Law Institute (Constitutional Law 1 & 11, Administrative Law and Public Interest Litigation.