

A WORKSHOP ON THE COPYRIGHT ACT ORGANIZED
BY THE CID MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG ON 26.2.2007
AT 11 AM IN THE DGPs CONFERENCE HALL

A workshop on the Copyright Act and Piracy in the music industry of India and CDs, VCDs and other such products generated by the computers and its accessories was shown to the participants. The significance of patents and intellectual property rights was also shown to the participants.

The workshop was organized by Shri K.K. Nath, IPS (Retd) IMI, IPR State Coordinator North East State Guwahati and Shri Kiriti Sengupta, IPS(Retd) Co-ordinator IPR, IMI Eastern Range Kolkata.

The DIGP(CID) Shri B.R. Rana, IPS introduced the organisers and the topic that was to be discussed therein.

The ADGP(CID) Shri Anil Pradhan, IPS gave an introductory speech on the Copyright Act and what constitutes violation of the Act. He then invited Shri Kiriti Sengupta to begin the workshop.

Shri Kiriti Sengupta mentioned the salient features of the Copyright Act and the penalties that could be imposed for the violation of the Act. He mentioned regarding the existence of the Copyright Board for adjudicating any disputes that may be referred to them. The powers and the procedures for hearing complaints by the Copyright Board were discussed.

Penalty for contravention of the Copyright Act was stated. The modalities for the registration of a Copyright Society U/S 33 of the Act, 57 and the duration for which the Copyright would exist were mentioned.

The power to extend copyright to foreign works U/S 40 of Act was also discussed. Infringement of the Copyright U/S 51 and the Acts amounting to infringement of the copyright was stated. Section 63 of the Act, mentioning the offences was mentioned to the participants.

The power of the Copyright Board for determining royalties payable to the owner was discussed.

The modalities for making sound recording and identifying pirated version were mentioned to the participants.

The existence of PPL – Phonographic licenses and the fee involved/clearance that is required and IPRs intellectual property right society was brought to the notice of the participants. He interacted with the participants and answered their question.

Shri K.K. Nath addressed the participants and mentioned on the practical aspects involved in the identification of pirated CDs and Cassettes.

He also spoke regarding the investigation of such cases. Offences could be cognizable and non-bailable under the provision of this act.

The class of magistrates for trying the offences under this Act other than the Copyright Board was also stated.

The organisers supplied study materials on the Copyright Law/Act/Training manual for the benefits of the participants. He also mentioned that a workshop would be organised for identification and investigation of such cases which would be specific to the I/Os on a later date at PTS in consultation with DIGP(CID).

The SP (SCRB) Shri D. Jyrwa proposed the vote of thanks and invited the participants for lunch. The DGP Meghalaya, Shillong also joined the participants.

The list of the participants is as follows :-

1. Shri H. Nongpluh, IPS - Superintendent of Police, Jaintia Hills
2. Shri N.K. Subramanyam, IPS - Asstt. Superintendent of Police, CID
3. Shri A.R. Mawthoh, MPS - Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills
4. Shri J.F.K. Marak, MPS - Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills
5. Shri J. Rymmai, MPS - Superintendent of Police, Ri-Bhoi District
6. Shri D.P. Marak, MPS - Superintendent of Police, West Khasi Hills
7. Shri O. Passi, MPS - Superintendent of Police, East Garo Hills
8. Shri H. Toi, MPS - Superintendent of Police, South Garo Hills
9. Shri D.N. Jyrwa - Superintendent of Police, SCRB
10. Shri B. Syiem, MPS - Dy. Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills
11. Shri P. Syiem, - Inspector, East Khasi Hills, DEF
12. Shri R.N. Borah - Inspector, ACB Shillong
13. Shri N. Das - Inspector, CID Shillong
14. Shri M.R. Sangma - Inspector, CID Shillong
15. Shri B. Saikia - Inspector, CID Shillong

16. Shri M. Kharbuli - Inspector, CID Shillong
17. Shri Bijoy Chetri - Inspector, West Garo Hills
18. Shri B.G. Momin - Inspector, ACB Shillong
19. Shri D.L. Bareh - Inspector, East Khasi Hills
20. Shri M.S.H. Nonghuloo - Inspector, West Khasi Hills
21. Shri Q.E. Pala - Sub-Inspector, Jaintia Hills
22. Shri B.C. Marak - Sub-Inspector, Jaintia Hills
23. Shri K.A. Pradhan - Sub-Inspector, East Khasi Hills
24. Shri B.C. Thakur - Sub-Inspector, East Khasi Hills
25. Smti G.M. Sangma - Sub-Inspector, East Khasi Hills
26. Shri P.S. Marwein - Sub-Inspector, Ri-Bhoi District
27. Shri D.B. Nengnong - Sub-Inspector, Ri-Bhoi District
28. Shri I.C. Marak - Sub-Inspector, West Garo Hills
29. Shri K. Sangma - Sub-Inspector, South Garo Hills
30. Shri Vijoy Upadhaya - Sub-Inspector, South Garo Hills
31. Shri H.R. Diengdoh - Sub-Inspector, East Garo Hills
32. Shri S. Sangma - Sub-Inspector, East Khasi Hills
33. Shri S.K. Mahanta - Sub-Inspector, West Garo Hills
34. Shri H.S. Mawlieh - Sub-Inspector, West Khasi Hills