

OR
B.A. LL.B FIVE YEARS INTEGRATED COURSE
IX – SEMESTER
PAPER – V MEDIA LAW WITH RTI ACT

- UNIT-I** Mass media – Types of – Press Films, Radio Television. Ownership patterns – Press – Private – Public, Ownership patterns – Films – Private, Ownership Patterns – Radio & Television, Public, Difference between visual and non – visual media – impact on peoples minds.
- UNIT-II** Press – Freedom of speech and Expression – Articles 129 (1) (a): Includes Freedom of the press, Laws of defamation, obscenity, blasphemy and sedition, Law relating to employees wages and service conditions, Price and page Schedule Regulation, Newsprint and Control Order, Advertisement – is it included with in freedom of speech and expression? Press and the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act
- UNIT-III** **Films** -How far included in freedom of speech and expression? Censorship of films – Constitutionally, The Abbas Case, Difference between films and press – Why Pre censorship valid for films but not for the press? Censorship under the cinematography Act.
- UNIT-IV** Radio and Television – Government Monopoly; Why Government department? Should there be an autonomous corporation? Effect of television on people. Report of the Chanda Committee, Government Policy, Commercial advertisement, internal security of serials, etc. judicial Review of Doordarshan decisions: Freedom to telecast.
- UNIT-V** Constitutional Restrictions; Radio and television subject to law of defamation and obscenity, Power to legislate – Article 246 read with the seventh schedule, Power to impose tax – licensing and license fee.
- UNIT-VI** Right to Information: Development of RTI in India
- UNIT-VII** Right to Information Act , 2005; its implementation
- UNIT-VIII** Right to Information Decisions; Decisions of Judiciary
- UNIT-IX** RTI and Decisions of Chief Central Information commissions and State Information Commission under the RTI Act, 2005.

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