

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
commence-
ment.

*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 thereto 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.

* For Statement of Objects and Reasons see *Orissa Gazette Extraordinary* dated the 3rd September 1954.