

ROLE OF MEDIA IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Media is regarded as the fourth pillar of our Indian Democracy. Media plays a vital role in giving information to people all around the world and it is capable of changing and moulding the opinion of society. Media derive its right from the freedom of speech and expression available to citizen under Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution of India. The right to freedom of speech and expression provides several rights to the Media. Sting Operation is a method of exposing the crime done by the public. It is a deceptive operation designed to apprehend the person committing crime. Thus Sting should not prevent the public servants from doing their duty and it should not interfere in the privacy of others. Most of the big scams were expressed by the press, but the Media trial should not affect the fair trial by the Judiciary.

Since reasonable restrictions are available to the freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India, it is also available to the freedom of press. Thus Media plays a major role in changing the opinion of society. With its increased role, they should have professionalism, transparency and accountability is essential. . Media should not publish matters which portrays wrong opinion to the society. Media trial should be fair and it should not interfere with the Judiciary to give a fair Justice.

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