



# Newspaper Libel and Registration Act 1881

## CHAPTER 60

### NEWSPAPER LIBEL AND REGISTRATION ACT 1881

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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The SCHEDULES to which this Act refers

SCHEDULE A — Return made pursuant to the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act, 1881

SCHEDULE B — Return made pursuant to the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act, 1881