

*your*KNOWLEDGE *your*RIGHT

The yourKNOWLEDGE, yourRIGHT Campaign

Do You Know...

- That there is a value to songs, dances, theatre and performances just like property...and that recordings of these can be sold, bought, rented by others?
- That people cannot record your voice or your performance without your permission?
- That they also need to take your permission before they can publish or distribute that material?
- That you need to be informed of how they will use your photo or recording and if they will make money by that use?
- That sometimes people come to you with references of persons or organisations you trust, without actually telling them
- That people divide performances as:
 - i. Individual work - that is an original work which has been written/ composed / performed by one person
 - ii. "folk" - a song or a dance that is not owned by 1 person but is part of the community's knowledge. There is no law to protect these from being used by others.
- That when people make your recording, they may use it for education, for distribution, for keeping in records or for commercial purposes.
- That you can specify which part of the recording can be used by that person?
- That there are different ways to record your voice or picture like photographs, sound recording, video, interview and that these recordings can be distributed over many means like radio, TV, Internet, mobile phone, text, books, magazines? You have a right to know where your recording will be used.
- That if a person earns money from your recording/picture, you have a right to ask for your appropriate share from them. This is even if the recording is used in the future.
- That if someone does a recording and you discuss your problems, it does not mean that person will be able to solve them or that you can automatically ask for money?
- That you can ask for copies of the recordings or photographs that were taken?
- That if the recorded material belongs to you, your name has to be acknowledged each time the recording is used. If it belongs to the community, like a folk dance, the community has to be given acknowledgement?
- That if your community has a registered organisation and a bank account, the returns can be given directly to the community.

*For more information about your rights to your knowledge,
please get in touch with us:*

