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WHYTHE NEW LAWS?

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The only constant is change.



- Indian Penal Code, 1860 511 sections
- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 358 sections
- IPC Chapter XXIII / BNS Chapter XX
- BNS more concise, arranged precisely, streamlines and consolidates the legal provisions.



* Reshaping the legal landscape *

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- Chapter XIX Criminal intimidation insult,
 annoyance, defamation, etc. Sec. 351 to 357
- Chapter XX Repeal and savings Sec. 358

Major Changes at Glance

- In 83 offences the punishment of fine has been enhanced.
- In 23 offences the mandatory minimum punishment has been introduced.
- In 6 offences the punishment of community service has been incorporated.



- 20 new offences are introduced in BNS.
- 19 offences in IPC deleted.
- In 33 offences the punishment of imprisonment has been increased.



- There are separate sections for definitions in IPC (Sec.8 to 52-A).
- In BNS sec. 2 (1) to 2 (39) consists all definitions in a systematic alphabetical order.

(Ease of reading..)

- <u>Sec. 8 IPC Gender</u> The pronoun 'he' & its derivatives are used of any person, whether male or female.
- Sec 2 (10) Gender The pronoun 'he' & its derivatives used of any person, whether male, female or transgender.

- Sec. 19 IPC Judge The word "Judge" denoted not only every person who is officially designated as a Judge, but also every person ---- Illustrations
 (a) (b) (d) (deleted)---- illustration (c) retained.
- Sec. 2 (16) BNS "Judge" means a person who is officially designated as a Judge and includes a person, ---- illustration (c) retained.



- Sec. 20 IPC "Court of Justice" ----- Illustration
- Sec. 2(5) BNS "Court" (change in title of the section)
- (Illustration referring to Regulation Act VI, 1816 of the Madras Court has been omitted as it became redundant long back with the repeal of Regulation VII by the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873.)



- Sec. 21 IPC "Public Servant"
- Sec. 2 (28) BNS "Public Servant"
- Juryman deleted
- (The jury system was abolished. K.M. Nanavati vs. State of Maharashtra)



- Sec. 22 IPC "Movable Property" intended to include corporeal property of every description--- ---.
- Sec. 2 (21) BNS "Movable Property" includes property of every description----.

(In BNS definition is widened and also includes intangible property like patents, copyrights, etc.)



- Sec. 27 IPC Property in possession of wife, clerk or servant.
- Sec 3 (3) BNS when property is in the possession of a person's spouse, clerk or servant-----.

(Word wife deleted, replaced with person's spouse, gender neutral)



- Sec. 29 IPC Document
- Sec. 2 (8) BNS includes electronic and digital record.



Sec. 49 IPC – "Year", "Month" – British
 calendar

Sec. 2 (20) BNS – "Month" and "Year" –
 Gregorian Calendar



- New provision added
- Sec. 2(3) BNS "Child" means any person below the age of eighteen years.
- No corresponding provision in IPC.

(Uniformity has been established in the use of term "Child" by replacing expression like "minor" and "child under the age of 18 years." Clarity has been ensured.)



• Sec. 2 (39) BNS – "words and expressions" used but not defined in this Sanhita but defined in the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 shall have meanings respectively assigned to them in that Act and Sanhita.

No corresponding provision in IPC.



• Sec. 53 IPC – "Punishments"

Firstly - Death

Secondly - Imprisonment for life

Fourthly - Imprisonment - Rigorous, simple

Fifthly - Forfeiture of property,

Sixthly - fine



- Sec. 4 BNS "Punishments"
- a) Death
- b) Imprisonment for life
- c) Imprisonment Rigorous, simple
- d) Forfeiture of property, and
- e) Fine
- f) Community service



- Non appearance in response to proclamation u/s 84 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha
 Sanhita (Sec. 209 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita)
- Public servant unlawfully engaging in trade
 (Sec. 202 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita).

- Attempt to commit suicide to compel or restrain exercise of lawful power of public servant (Sec. 226 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita).
- Theft (proviso to Sec. 303 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita)
- Misconduct in public by a drunken person (Sec. 355 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita).
- Defamation (Sec. 356 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita).

- The community service has been defined in Explanation to <u>Sec. 23</u> of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.
- It shall mean the work which the Court may order a convict to perform as a form of punishment that benefits the community, for which he shall not be entitle to any remuneration.
- The community service would lighten the burden on the prison infrastructure by reducing the number of inmates.



Sec. 8 (4) & (5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,
 2023 provides default sentence in default of community service.



 Three categories of offence Attempt, Abetment and Conspiracy are brought together in <u>Chapter</u> <u>IV of BNS</u>.

- Section 54 & 55 of IPC commutation of sentence – Section 5 of BNS
- Death sentence Section 433 (a) of CRPC For any other punishment provided by IPC - Section 474 (a) BNSS - imprisonment for Life.
- Imprisonment for life Section 433 (b) of CRPC imprisonment not exceeding 14 years or fine Section 474 (b) BNSS imprisonment for term not less then 7 years.
- Imprisonment for 7 years or more no separate commutation under CRPC – Section 474 (c) BNSS - imprisonment for term not less then 3 years.

- Sentence of Rigorous imprisonment Section 433 (c) of CRPC simple imprisonment for any term to which that person might have been sentenced or fine Section 474 (e) of BNSS Simple imprisonment.
- Sentence of Simple Imprisonment Section 433 (d) of CRPC – Fine – Section 474 BNSS – No such commutation.
- Sentence of Imprisonment for less than 7 years No commutation under CRPC Section 474 (d) BNSS Fine

- Sec. 48. Abetment outside India for offence in India is a new provision. It allows the prosecution of a person located in foreign country.
- The individual sitting in another country and plotting to carry out an offence in India can be held accountable for their actions under this provision. which would hold a person residing in another country guilty of abetment if he instigates person situated in India to commit an offence.



- Exception 2 to Sec. 376 IPC (Marital Rape)
- Exception 2 to Sec. 63 BNS
- BNS does not define marital rape or categorized it as an offence. But exception 2 to sec. 63 has brought a change so far the age of the wife is concerned.
- It says that sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under 18 years of age, is not rape. (Justice J.S. Verma Committee Report).

- <u>Sec. 69 BNS sexual intercourse by employing</u>
 deceitful means etc (new provision)
- Introduced with an intent to curb the various instances of false promise to marry.
- Deepak Gulati vs. State of Haryana, (2013)
 7 SCC 675
- State of UP vs. Naushad (2013) 16 SCC 651



 The National Crime Records Bureau in 2016 recorded 10,068 cases of rape by known persons on a false promise to marry a victim.



- Sec. 376 D A IPC Punishment for gang rape on women under 16 years.
- Sec. 376 D B IPC Punishment for gang rape on women under 12 years.
- Sec. 70 (2) of BNS (Sec. 376 D A + D B) Punishment for gang rape on women under 18 years of age.



□ Disrobing

- Sec. 354 B IPC only a man can be an accused
- Sec. 76 of BNS besides man, a women or transgender can be an accused. (Gender Neutral)

■ Voyeurism

- Sec. 354 C IPC only a man can be an accused
- Sec. 77 of BNS besides man, a women or transgender can be an accused. (Gender Neutral)

- Sec. 95 BNS Hiring, employing or engaging a child to commit an offence (new provision).
- Whoever hire, employ or engage a child, to commit an offence.
- Punishment minimum 3 years maximum 10 years and fine.
- If offence is committed by a child, the sentence shall be imposed on the adult offender.

(Hiring, employing, engaging or using a child for sexual exploitation or pornography is covered within the meaning of this section.)



- <u>Sec. 96 BNS Procuration of child</u> gender neutral.
- Sec. 366 A of IPC referred to procuration of minor girl.

- In <u>Sec. 103 (2)</u> of BNS, a new offence has been introduced which provides punishment for <u>Mob Lynching</u>.
- <u>Sub clause 2 of Sec. 103</u> states that; "When a group of five or more persons acting in concert commits murder on the ground of race, caste or community, sex, place of birth, language, personal belief or any other similar ground each member of such group shall be punished with death or with imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine."



 Such punishment for mob lynching is result of the directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Tehseen S. Poonawala vs. Union of India and Ors. (2018) 9 SCC 501, wherein the government was asked to bring law on mob lynching.



- <u>Sec. I04 BNS</u> Punishment for murder by life convict - death or imprisonment for life.
- Sec. 303 of IPC only death.
- Sec. 303 was declared unconstitutional by
 Hon'ble Supreme Court in Mithu vs. State of
 Punjab, AIR 1983 SC 473.



- Sec. 106 BNS Causing death by negligence Sec. 304 A
 IPC
- Sec. 106 (1) BNS imprisonment for five years and fine.
- In case of medical negligence two (2) years and fine.(Jacob Mathaew vs. State of Punjab, (2005) 6 SCC 1.)
- Hit and run cases ten (10) years and fine.



- Sec. 109 BNS Attempt to murder Sec. 307 IPC
- Sec. 109 (2) Attempt to commit murder by life
 convict death or imprisonment for life which shall
 mean the reminder of that person natural life.
- Sec. 307 Attempt to commit murder by life
 convict death.



Sec. III of BNS – Organized Crime (New Provision)

- Borrowed largely from special legislations such as MCOCA (The Maharashtra control of organized crime act, 1999) or GCOC (The Gujarat control of crime act, 2015) aimed at curbing organized criminal activities.
- Organized crime in India includes variety of illegal activities that are planned, co- ordinated, and conducted by criminal organizations.

What is Organized Crime?

Any continuing unlawful activity -

- ✓ Kidnapping
- ✓ Robbery
- √ Vehicle theft
- ✓ Extortion
- ✓ Land grabbing
- ✓ Contract killing

- ✓ Economic offence
- ✓ Cyber crimes
- ✓ Trafficking of persons
- ✓ Drugs
- √ Weapons or illicit goods or services
- ✓ Human trafficking for prostitution or ransom



- Committed by
- ✓ Any person
- ✓ A Group of persons acting in concert
- ✓ Singly or jointly
- ✓ Either as a member of an organized crime syndicate
- ✓ Or on behalf of such syndicate



THEY MAKE USE OF

- √ Violence
- √ Threat of Violence
- ✓ Intimidation
- ✓ Coercion
- ✓ By any other unlawful means



- The purpose is;
- √ To obtain, direct or indirect
- ✓ Material benefit
- ✓ Including a financial benefit.

What is continuing unlawful activity?

- Cognizable offences punishable with imprisonment of three years or more,
- By member of an organized crime syndicate,
- More than one charge-sheets have been filed in respect of such offences,
- Within the preceding period of 10 years,
- Court has taken cognizance of such offences and
- It includes economic offences.

Sec. III BNS - What are such Economic offences

- ✓ Criminal breach of trust
- ✓ Forgery
- √ Counterfeiting of currency notes
- ✓ Bank notes and government stamps
- ✓ Hawala transactions
- ✓ Mass marketing fraud
- ✓ Running any scheme to defraud several persons or
- ✓ Doing any act in any manner with a view to defraud any bank or financial institution or any other institution or
- ✓ Organization for obtaining monitory benefits in any firm.

- If death is caused;
- Death or imprisonment for life
- Fine not less than 10 lakhs.
- In any other case
- Imprisonment not less than five (5) years.
- It may extend to life and
- Fine not less than five (5) lakhs.

- Abetment
- Attempt
- Conspiracy
- Knowingly facilitating
- Engaging in any act preparatory to any organized crime.
- Imprisonment of minimum five (5) years maximum life.
- Fine minimum five (5) lakhs.

- For being member of an organized syndicate;
- Imprisonment of minimum five (5) years and maximum life.
- Fine minimum five (5) lakhs.

- For intentionally harboring, concealing member of organized crime syndicate –
- Imprisonment of minimum three (3) years maximum life.
- Fine minimum five (5) lakhs.

- For possessing property acquired, derived or obtain through organized crime –
- Imprisonment of minimum three (3) years
 maximum life (fine minimum two (2) lakhs).

- For Possession of unaccounted movable or immovable property on behalf of member of unorganized crime syndicate —
- Imprisonment of minimum 3 years, maximum
 10 years
- o Fine minimum I lakh.



- Sec. I 12 of BNS Petty Organized Crime (New Provision)
- Ingredients
- ✓ Member of a group or gang,
- ✓ Either singly or jointly,
- √ Commits -
- Theft, snatching, cheating,
- unauthorized selling of tickets,
- unauthorized betting or gambling
- Selling of public examination question papers or
- any other similar criminal act

Theft includes

- ✓ Trick theft
- ✓ Theft from vehicle
- ✓ Dwelling house or
- ✓ Business premises
- ✓ Cargo theft

- ✓ Pick pocketing
- ✓ Card skimming
- ✓ Shop lifting
- ✓ Theft of Automated

Teller Machine (ATM)



• Minimum I year, maximum 7 years and fine.



- Sec. I 13 BNS Terrorist Act (New Provision)
- Ingredients
- Threat to unity, integrity, sovereignty, security, or economic security of India,
- With the intent to strike terror in the people or any section of the people of India or any foreign country by use of
- Bombs, dynamite, explosive substance, inflammable substance, fire arms, lethal weapons, poisonous or noxious gases, other chemicals, biological or radio active or nuclear substance to cause or lightly to cause.

Sec. 113 BNS-Terrorist Act

- Death, injury to person/s
- Lost damage, destruction of property
- Disruption of essential supply or services
- Damage to monitory stability of India
- Destruction of defence property
- Causing death of public functionary or attempt to cause such death
- Keeping hostages

- If offence resulted in death of any person –
 death or life and fine.
- In any other cases minimum impris. 5 years,
 maximum life and fine.

- Conspiracy, advocate, abetment, attempt,
 advice, incite, facilitate, prepares terrorist act -
- Minimum impris. 5 years maximum life and fine.

- Organizing camp/s for training or recruitment of terrorist -
- Minimum impris. 5 years maximum life and fine.

- Being a member of terrorist organization -
- Imprisonment upto life and fine.

- Harboring or concealing a terrorist -
- Minimum impris. 3 years maximum life and fine.

- Possession of property obtained, acquired, derived of terrorist acts-
- Imprisonment upto life and fine.

- The Terrorist act are currently dealt with under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967 (UAPA).
- The BNS (sec. 113 explanation) recognizes that the provisions of BNS and UAPA are overlapping.
- It provides that an officer not below the rank of superintendent of police shall decide whether to register a case under BNS or the UAPA.

Sec. I I 5 BNS- Voluntarily causing Hurt -Sec.
 323 IPC

- Sec. 323 fine 1000/- one thousand.
- Sec. 115 fine 10,000/- ten thousand.



- Sec. I I 6 BNS Grievous hurt- Sec. 320 IPC
- Sec. I16 (h) BNS Any hurt which endangers life or which causes the sufferer to be during the space of fifteen days in severe bodily pain, or unable to follow his ordinary pursuits.
- Sec. 320 IPC- Eighthly any hurt which endangers life or which causes the sufferer to be during the space of twenty days in severe bodily pain or unable to follow his ordinary pursuits.

- Sec. I 17 (3) & (4) BNS Aggravated form of grievous hurt (New Provision).
- Sec. 117 (3) BNS
- If permanent disability or persistent vegetative state caused as a result of grievous hurt –
- The punishment is RI of minimum 10 years, which may extend to life, which shall mean imprisonment for the reminder of that person's natural life.
- Offence cognizable, non-bailable and triable by Court of Sessions
- (Aruna Shanbaug Case)

Sec. I 17 (4) BNS – Causing Grievous Hurt In Mob

Mob

- Ingredients-
- ✓ Five or more persons
- √ Acting in concert
- √ Causes grievous hurt on the ground of
- √ race, caste or community
- ✓ Sex, place of birth, language
- ✓ Personal belief and any other similar ground



Sec. I 17 (4) BNS – Punishment

- Imprisonment upto 7 years and fine
- Offence cognizable, non-bailable and triable by Court of Sessions.

Sec. I43 BNS – Trafficking of person – Sec. 370 IPC

- Sec. 143 introduces beggary as an form of exploitation for trafficking and made it punishable.
- In this section, for the word minor the word 'Child' has been used.

- Sec. I 24 A IPC Sedition (deleted) .
- <u>Sec. 152</u> BNS- Act endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. (New Provision)
- It introduced sedition in a new form as subversive activity.
- It states that Whoever, purposely or knowingly, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or by electronic communication or by use of financial mean, or otherwise, excites or attempts to excite, secession or armed rebellion or subversive activities, or encourages feelings of separatist activities or endangers sovereignty or unity and integrity of India; or indulges in or commits any such act shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine.

- Minimum punishment under sec. <u>152</u> BNS is seven
 years as opposed to three years u/s <u>124-A</u> of IPC.
- Sec. 152 retains explanation 2 & 3 of Sec. 124-A IPC.
- This is seemingly in view of the observations of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Kedarnath Singh vs.
 State of Bihar, 1962 supp. (2) SCR, 769.

- Sec. 152 of BNS uses the term electronic communication and makes the act of secession etc. done via electronic communication punishable
- Sec. 2 (i) of BNSS says that electronic communication covers the communication by means of Mobile, telephone, laptop's etc.

Sec. 153 B IPC – Imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration – Sec. 197 BNS

- Sec. 197 (d) of BNS (New addition)
- Clause (I) (d) of sec. 197 states that whoever makes or publishes false or misleading information jeopardizing the sovereignty, unity and integrity or security of India, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extent to three years or with fine or both.
- It also covers False News.



- Sec. 303 BNS Theft Sec. 319 IPC
- Sec. 303(2) BNS For second or subsequent conviction minimum imprisonment I year – maximum 5 years
- Proviso to sec. 303 community service as a sentence –
- ✓ Value of stolen property less than Rs. 5000/-
- ✓ First conviction
- ✓ Return the value of property or
- ✓ Restored the stolen property



Sec 304 BNS – Snatching (New Provision)

- Ingredients -
- Theft is snatching;
- If The offender suddenly or quickly or forcibly
- Seizes or secures or grabs or takes away
- Any movable property
- From the possession of any person
- Punishment imprisonment maximum 3 years and fine



Sec. 305 BNS – theft in dwelling house – Sec. 380 IPC

- Sec. 380 IPC Theft in any building, tent or vessel used for human dwelling or custody of property.
- Sec. 305 BNS Theft in any building, tent or vessel used for human dwelling or custody of property,
- New addition -
- Any means of transportation of goods or passengers
- Any idol or icon from place of worship
- Any property of government and local authority.
- Punishment upto 7 years and fine.

- Sec. 314 BNS- dishonest misappropriation of property – Sec. 403 IPC
- Sec. 314 provides for a minimum punishment of six months with fine for dishonest misappropriation of property, as opposed to imprisonment or fine or both under corresponding sec. 403.



- Sec. 324 BNS Mischief Sec 427 IPC
- Sec. 324 BNS –
- Mischief (upto Rs. 25,000/) impri. 6 months / fine / both
- Mischief to government property impris. upto 1 year / fine / both.
- Mischief (Rs. 25,000/- & more but below one lakh) impris. 2 years /fine / both.
- Mischief (above Rs. One lakh) impris. 5 years / fine /both.
- Mischief with preparation for causing death/ hurt/ wrongful restrain
 / fear of death, hurt, wrongful restrain impris. Upto 5 years and
 fine.





- Sec. 428 & 429 IPC consolidated.
- Sec. 325 BNS punishes mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless any animal irrespective of its value.
- Imprisonment upto 5 years or fine or both.



- Sec. 352 of BNS -Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace - Sec. 504 of IPC—
- Sec. 352 is now to be tried summarily as per sec.
 283 (1) (v) of BNSS.
- Earlier, under sec. 260 of Cr.p.c., it was summarily triable at the discretion of the magistrate.

- Sec. 505 IPC Statements conducing to public mischief
- Sec. 353 BNS —
- Whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement or report
- Having false information, rumor, alarming news
- Including through <u>electronic means</u>.
- It causes enmity, hatred or ill will
- Between religions, castes, sex, etc.
- Impris. Upto 3 years or fine or both.

- Sec. 510 IPC misconduct in public by a drunken person
- Sec. 355 BNS imprisonment of 24 hours / fine upto Rs. I000/- or both or community service.



- Sec. 499 IPC Defamation
- Sec. 356 BNS –
- Whoever by words either spoken or intended to be read, or by signs or by visible representation
- Makes or publishes <u>in any manner</u>.....



• Sec. 356 (2) BNS prescribes community service as a punishment.

- The BNS omits adultery (sec. 497 of IPC) as an offence.
- In Joseph Shine vs. Union of India, (2019)
 3 SCC 39, The Hon'ble Supreme Court has struck down the offence of adultery, noting that it is arbitrary and paternalistic.

• BNS has repealed sec. 377 of IPC.

homosexual activities.

In Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India
the Hon'ble Supreme Court decriminalized
any type of consensual sexual intercourse
among adults in private, including

• Sec. 38 BNS continues to give right to private defence to the extent of causing death of aggressor, where there is reasonable apprehension of an assault with the intention of gratifying unnatural lust.



- Sec. 358 BNS Repeal and savings (new provision)
- The IPC is repealed.
- However it shall not affect-
- The previous operation of the code, or anything duly done / suffered thereunder,
- The right, privilege, obligation or liability, acquired, accrued, incurred under the code.
- Penalty or punishment incurred in respect of any offences committed against the code or



- Any investigation or remedy in respect of any such penalty, or punishment.
- Any proceeding, investigation or remedy in respect of any such penalty or punishment as aforesaid, and any such proceeding or remedy maybe instituted, continued or enforced and any such penalty maybe imposed as if that code had not been repealed.









