



READY RECKONER ON CONTEMPT OF THE LAWFUL AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Under the BNS Act Offences of Contempt of the Lawful Authority of Public Servants have been defined under Chapter- XIII from Sections 206 TO 226. The changes are related to the quantum of punishments or the addition of new words in the existing IPC provisions (fine or Imprisonment).

206. (Section 172) - Absconding to avoid service of summons or other proceeding

Under section 206 (a) fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Under section 206 sub-section (b) the fine has been enhanced from one thousand to ten thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-cognizable | Bailable | Any magistrate | Non-compoundable

207. (Section 173)- Preventing service of summons or other proceeding, or preventing publication thereof

Under section 207 (a) fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Under section 207 sub-section (b) the phrase *or to produce a document or electronic record in a Court* has been added and the fine has been enhanced from one thousand to ten thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-cognizable | Bailable | Any magistrate | Non-compoundable

208. (Section 174) - Non-attendance in obedience to an order from public servant

Under section 208 (a) fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Under section 208 sub-section (b) the fine has been enhanced from one thousand to ten thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-cognizable | Bailable | Any magistrate | Non-compoundable

209. (Section 174A)- Non- appearance in response to a proclamation under Section 84 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (under Section 82 of Act 2 of 1974).

A completely new form of punishment, namely community service is introduced. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Magistrate of the First Class | Non-compoundable

210. (Section 175)- Omission to produce document or electronic record to public servant by person legally bound to produce it.

Under section 210 phrase "**Electronic record**" has been added to the section. Further under subsection (a) fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Under section 210 sub-section (b) the fine has been enhanced from one thousand to ten thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-Cognizable | Bailable | The court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Chapter XXVIII; or, if not committed, in a court, any Magistrate | Non-compoundable

211. (Section 176)- Omission to give notice or information to public servant by person legally bound to give it.

Under section 211 (a) fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Under section 211 sub-section (b) the fine has been enhanced from one thousand to ten thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non-compoundable

212. (Section 177)- Furnishing False Information

Under section 212 (a) fine has been enhanced from One Thousand to Five Thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable / Bailable / Any Magistrate/Non-Compoundable

213. (Section 178) Refusing oath or affirmation when duly required by public servant to make it.

Under section 213 fine has been enhanced from One Thousand to Five Thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-Cognizable | Bailable | The court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Chapter XXVIII; or, if not committed, in a court, any Magistrate | Non-Compoundable

214. (Section 179) Refusing to answer public servant authorised to question.

Under section 214 fine has been enhanced from One Thousand to Five Thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-Cognizable | Bailable | The court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Chapter XXVIII; or, if not committed, in a court, any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

215. (Section 180-) Refusing to sign statement.

Under section 215 fine has been enhanced from Five hundred to Three thousand Rupees. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non-Cognizable | Bailable | The court in which the offence is committed, subject to the provisions of Chapter XXVIII; or, if not committed, in a court, any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

217. (Section 182) False information, with intent to cause public servant to use his lawful power to injury of another person.

Under section 217 Imprisonment is enhanced from six months to one year and fine from, one thousand to ten thousand rupees. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

218. (Section 183) Resistance to taking of property by lawful authority of a public servant.

Under section 218 fine has been enhanced from One Thousand to Ten thousand Rupees. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

219. (Section 184) Obstructing sale of property offered for sale by authority of public servant.

Under section 219 fine has been enhanced from Five hundred to Five thousand Rupees. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

221. (Section 186) Obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions.

Under section 221 fine has been enhanced from Five hundred to Two thousand Rupees. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable

222. (Section 187) Omission to assist public servant when bound by law to give assistance.

Under section 222(a) fine has been enhanced from Five hundred to two thousand Rupees. Under section 222 sub-section (b) the fine has been enhanced from five hundred to five thousand. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable.

223. (Section 188) Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.

Under section 223 (a) Imprisonment has been enhanced from one month to six months and the fine from two hundred to five hundred rupees or two thousand Rupees. Under section 223 sub-section (b) Imprisonment has been enhanced from six months to one year and the fine from one thousand to five thousand rupees. Some differences in phraseology are also there. The rest of the contents are the same as of IPC.

226. Attempt to commit suicide to compel or restrain exercise of lawful power.

This is a completely new section introduced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Whoever attempts to commit suicide with the intent to compel or restrain any public servant from discharging his official duty shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both, or with community service.

Classification of offence:

Non – Cognizable | Bailable | Any Magistrate | Non Compoundable