



READY RECKONER OF OFFENCES CONVENIENCE, DECENCY AND MORALS

Under the BNS Act Offences Affecting Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency and Morals have been defined under Chapter- XV from Sections 286 to 297 with amendments of the quantum of punishments or addition of new words in the existing IPC provisions (fine or Imprisonment).

286.(Section 284) Negligent conduct with respect to poisonous substance

Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of
Session | Non- compoundable

287.(Section 285) Negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter.

Fine enhanced from one thousand to two thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of
Session | Non- compoundable

288.(Section 286) Negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance

Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of
Session | Non- compoundable

289. (Section 287) Negligent conduct with respect to machinery

Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of
Session | Non- compoundable.

290. (Section 288) Negligent conduct with respect to pulling down, or repairing buildings

290 BNS has the expanded scope of the offence under the new law. While in 288 IPC specifically mentioned 'pulling down, or repairing buildings', the BNS also includes 'constructing buildings' within its scope. Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable

291. (Section 289) Negligent conduct with respect to animal

Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable

292. (Section 290) Punishment for public nuisance in cases not otherwise provided for

Fine enhanced from two hundred to one thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable

293. (Section 291) Continuance of nuisance after injunction to discontinue.

Fine may extend to five thousand rupees

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable

294. (Section 292) Sale, etc., of obscene books, etc.

294(1) For the purposes of sub-section (2), a book, pamphlet, paper, writing, drawing, painting, representation, figure or any other object, including display of any content in electronic form shall be deemed to be obscene.....

The new addition, "including display of any content in electronic form," expands the scope of what is considered obscene. This means that not only traditional forms of expression such as books, pamphlets, papers, writings, drawings, paintings, representations, and figures are

covered, but also any object or content displayed electronically.

In essence, this amendment recognizes the prevalence of electronic media and explicitly includes digital content in the definition of obscenity. This update reflects the evolving nature of technology and media, acknowledging that obscenity can manifest in various forms, including those transmitted through electronic means.

Classification of Offence:

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295.(Section 293) Sale, etc., of obscene objects to child (young person)

Sale , etc., of obscene objects to child (young person) BNS 295 / IPC 293 difference is the age criteria. BNS lowers the age limit from person under twenty years to child i.e below eighteen years) { reference BNS Section 2(3) “child” means any person below the age of eighteen years;} This change aligns with the broader international understanding of the age of consent and protection for minors.]

Classification of Offence:

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296. (Section 294) Obscene acts and songs (Section 294) Whoever, to the annoyance of others,—

Fine enhanced may extend to one thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable

297. (Section 294A) Keeping Lottery office.

Fine enhanced from one thousand to five thousand rupees.

Classification of Offence:

Cognizable | Non-bailable | Triable by Court of Session | Non-compoundable.