



Ready Reckoner

OF CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION, INSULT, ANNOYANCE, ETC.

In the new law, offences like criminal intimidation and intentional insult leading to a breach of the peace are addressed with changes in fines and the addition of community service options (Section 351-357). The law covers false statements conducing to public mischief, adjusting penalties and introducing electronic means. Amendments in defamation include replacing " Court justice" with "Court" and incorporating community service in fines. Breach of contract fines in BNS is heightened from two hundred to five thousand rupees.

Criminal intimidation

351. (Section 503): There is no change in the corresponding IPC provision, except for cases where someone threatens **another by any means**, with any injury to their person, reputation, or property, etc.

Intentional insult with intent to provoke a breach of peace

352. (Section 504): No basic changes, **any manner** added, under section **352 of BNS** are now mandatorily to be tried summarily as per section **283(1)(v) of BNSS**. It may be noted that offences of IPC enumerated in section **260 of CrPC** were discretionary and summarily triable by Magistrates. Offences enumerated in section **283(1) of BNSS** are mandatorily to be tried summarily by Magistrates

Statements conducing to public mischief.

353. (Section 505) (1)–Sub headings of subsections has been omitted and the phrase "**False information**" is added in context to present scenario the "**including through electronic means.**" is added.

Act Caused by inducing person to believe that he will be rendered an object of Diving displeasure.

354.(Section 508) The fine has been increased from ten rupees to one thousand rupees, and the option of community service has been added."

Defamation

356. (1) (Section 499) Headings of sections have been omitted, and various sections of the IPC are included as their subsections. The word 'justice' is replaced by 'magistrate,' and community service is added as an option in fines."

Of breach of contract to attend on and supply wants of helpless person

357. (Section 491) The fine amount in BNS has been increased, extending up to five thousand rupees, whereas earlier it was extended up to two hundred rupees."

SECTION	OFFENCE	PUNISH MENT	COGNIZABLE/ BAILABLE/ TRIAL COURT/ COMPOUNDABLE	REMARKS
351(1) IPC 503	Criminal intimidation	-	-	Threatening by any means added
351(4) IPC 507	Criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication of having taken precaution to conceal whence the threat comes.	Imprisonment which may extend to two years in addition to punishment under sec 351(1)	Non-Cognizable Bailable magistrate of first class Non Compoundable	Section 351(1) of BNS uses the words criminal intimidation 'by any means' which words were missing in section 503 of IPC
352 IPC 504	Intentional insult with	Imprisonment which may	Non-Cognizable Bailable	No basic changes, only

	intent to provoke breach of peace	to extend to two years or with fine or with both	Any magistrate Compoundable	cases under section 352 of BNS are now mandatorily to be tried summarily as per section 283(1)(v) of BNS.
353(1) IPC 505	False statement, rumour, etc, circulated, with intend to cause mutiny or offence against the public peace.	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or with fine or with both	Non-Cognizable Non Bailable Any magistrate Non Compoundable	false information, and through electronic means— added in the description
353(2) IPC 505	False statements, rumours, etc, intend to create enmity, hatred of ill will between different classes	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or with fine or with both	Cognizable Non Bailable Any magistrate Non Compoundable	Section 353(2) of BNS now uses the words “Circulates any statement or report containing false information, rumors or alarming news, including through electronic means.”
355 IPC 510	Misconduct in public by a drunken person	Simple Imprisonment for twenty four hours or fine of one thousand rupees (ten rupees) or both or with community service	Non-Cognizable Bailable Any magistrate Non Compoundable	Fine is increased from (ten rupees) to one thousand rupees and or with community service is added.
356(1)	Defamation	-	-	Justice word is

IPC 499				replaced by magistrate and also in fine community service is added.
356(2) IPC 500	Punishment for Defamation	Simple Imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine or with both or community service	Non-Cognizable Bailable Court of session Compoundable	In punishment community service is added
357 491 IPC	Breach of contract to attend on and supply wants of helpless persons	Imprisonment which may extend to three months or with fine of five thousand (two hundred) rupees or with both	Non-Cognizable Bailable Any magistrate Compoundable	Fine increased from up to (two hundred) rupees to upto five thousand rupees.