



READY RECKONER ON OFFENCES RELATING TO RELIGION

Under the BNS Offences related to Religion have been defined under Chapter- XVI from Sections 298 to 302 with amendments under Section 299 rest of the sections are the same and no amendments are there.

299. (Section 295A) Deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.

The Phrase “*or through electronic means*” has been added in this section which was not there in IPC. The rest is the same.

Classification of Offence:

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

SECTION	OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT	COGNIZABLE/ BAILABLE/ TRIAL COURT/ COMPOUNDABLE	REMARKS
298 IPC 295	Injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult religion of any class	Imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine or with both	Cognizable Non-Bailable Any magistrate Non compoundable	No change
299 IPC 295A	Deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feeling of any class by insulting its	Imprisonment which may extend to three years or with fine or with both	Cognizable Non-Bailable Magistrate of first class Non Compoundable	Or through electronic means is added in this section which was not there in IPC. Rest is same

	religion or religious belief			
300 IPC 296	Disturbing Religious assembly	Imprisonment which may extend to one year, or fine or with both	Cognizable Bailable Any Magistrate Non Compoundable	No changes
301 IPC 297	Trespassing on burial places etc	Imprisonment which may extend to one year, or fine or with both	Cognizable Bailable Any Magistrate Non Compoundable	No changes
302 IPC 298	Uttering words, etc. with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings of any person	Imprisonment which may extend to one year, or fine, or with both	Non Cognizable Bailable Any Magistrate Compoundable	NO changes