

## Introduction and Familiarisation of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

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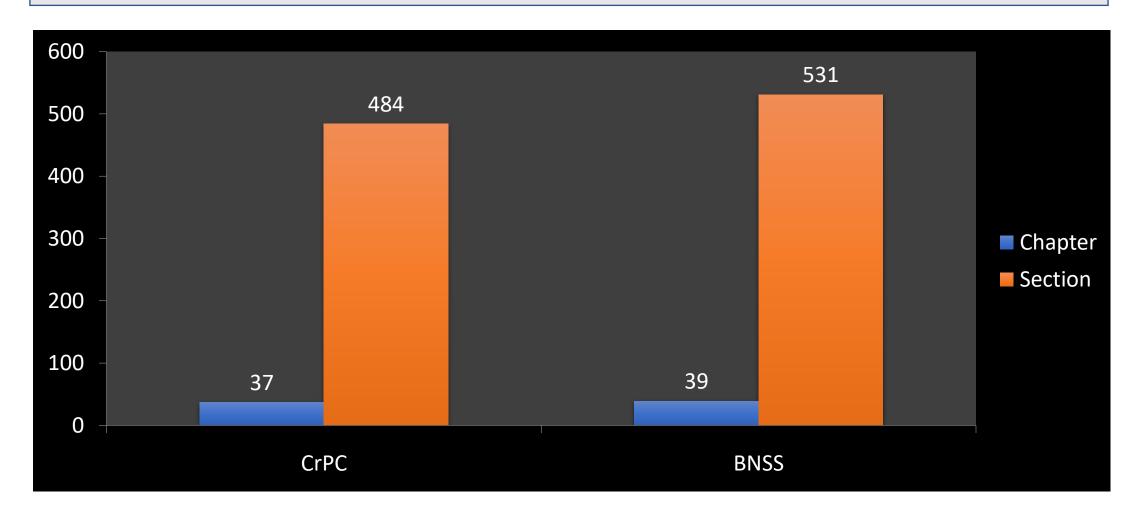
## Highlights of the BNSS, 2023

- Introduction of e platform
- Introduction of time lines for speedy justice
- Introduction of community service as punishment
- Strengthening of Prosecution
- Trial in absentia
- Attachment of proceeds of crime and its distribution
- Victim centric approach
- Involvement of scientific experts at the scene of crime.
- Witness protection scheme.
- Custody and disposal of property pending trial.
- Provision for mercy petition.

## AMENDMENTS AT GLANCE, BNSS

- Total 9 new sections have been added
- Total 39 new sub-sections/clauses have been added
- Total 44 new provisos and explanations have been added
- Total 177 provisions are modified
- In 35 places audio-video electronic/videography means are introduced.
- In 35 places timeline is introduced to provide speedy delivery of justice
- Total 14 Provisions have been deleted

#### Structural Comparison of CrPC and BNSS



Note: - Most of the provisions of CrPC are retained and renumbered in BNSS.

## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF

## THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 1973

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#### CHAPTER I - PRELIMINARY

- This Chapter contains Sections from 1 to 5
- The definition of audio video electronic means , bail, bail bond , bond and electronic communication were introduced
- The definition of India, Metropolitan area, Pleader and Prescribed were deleted.
- An explanation in the definition of the investigation is added.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 1       | Short title, extent and commencement                            | 1      | Short title, extent and commencement                          |
| 2       | Definitions   | 2      | Definitions - <u>Changes</u>                                  |
| 3       | Construction of references                                      | 3      | Construction of references                                    |
| 4       | Trial of offences under the Indian Penal<br>Code and other laws | 4      | Trial of offences under Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita and other laws |
| 5       | Saving  | 5      | Saving  |

# Chapter II - CONSTITUTION OF CRIMINAL COURTS AND OFFICES

- This Chapter contains Section 6 to 20
- District Directorate of Prosecution in every district, Eligibility of Assistant Directorate of Prosecution, Powers and Functions of Director of Prosecution, Deputy Director of Prosecution, Assistant Director of Prosecution to Monitor cases are included.
- Subordination of Assistant Sessions Judge, Metropolitan areas and Court of Metropolitan Magistrates, etc are deleted (Sec 8,10,16,17,18,19,27 CrPC are deleted)

| Section | Heading                    | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| 6       | Classes of Criminal Courts | 6      | Classes of Criminal Courts.                          |
| 7       | Territorial divisions      | 7      | Territorial divisions                                |
| 9       | Court of Session           | Q      | Court of Session<br>Modification – Sec 8(3) and 8(5) |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 11      | Courts of Judicial Magistrates   | 9      | Courts of Judicial Magistrates   |
| 12      | Chief Judicial Magistrate and Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, etc. | 10     | Chief Judicial Magistrate and Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, etc. |
| 13      | Special Judicial Magistrates   | 11     | Special Judicial Magistrates Sec 11(1)- modification.                    |
| 14      | Local jurisdiction of Judicial Magistrates                               | 12     | Local jurisdiction of Judicial Magistrates Sec 12(3)- modification.      |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 15      | Subordination of Judicial Magistrates          | 13     | Subordination of Judicial Magistrates                   |
| 20      | Executive Magistrates                          | 14     | Executive Magistrates - Sec 14(1) & 14(6)- modification |
| 21      | Special Executive Magistrates                  | 15     | Special Executive Magistrates - Modification            |
| 22      | Local jurisdiction of Executive<br>Magistrates | 16     | Local Jurisdiction of Executive Magistrates             |

| Section | Heading                                | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 23      | Subordination of Executive Magistrates | 17     | Subordination of Executive Magistrates Sec 17(1) Modification.   |
| 24      | Public Prosecutors                     | 18     | Public Prosecutors  New proviso added in 18(1), Modification in 18(6)  |
| 25      | Assistant Public Prosecutors           | 19     | Assistant Public Prosecutors  Modification -1 (Sec 19(3)) and timeline introduced. (14 days notice)              |
| 25A     | Directorate of Prosecution             | 20     | Directorate of Prosecution  New sub section added — 6 nos  Modification — 5 ( 20(2)(a), 20(3),20(4),20(6),20(11) |

#### BNSS. S. 20 - Directorate of Prosecution.

- 20. (1) The State Government may establish,—
- (b) a District Directorate of Prosecution in every district consisting of as many Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of Prosecution, as it thinks fit
- (7) The powers and functions of the Director of Prosecution shall be to monitor cases in which offences are punishable for ten years or more, or with life imprisonment, or with death; to expedite the proceedings and to give opinion on filing of appeals.
- (8) The powers and functions of the Deputy Director of Prosecution shall be to examine and scrutinise police report and monitor the cases in which offences are punishable for seven years or more, but less than ten years, for ensuring their expeditious disposal.

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- (9) The functions of the Assistant Director of Prosecution shall be to monitor cases in which offences are punishable for less than seven years.
- 10) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (7), (8) and (9), the Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director of Prosecution shall have the power to deal with and be responsible for all proceedings under this Sanhita

## Chapter III - POWER OF COURTS

- This Chapter contains Sec 21 to 29.
- The term "Community Service" is mentioned in Sec 23 BNSS.
- Metropolitan area, Metropolitan Magistrate and Asst Session Judge deleted.
- Magistrates' power to impose fine is increased.
- Sec 27 CrPC( Jurisdiction in the case of Juveniles) is deleted.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 26      | Courts by which offences are triable                     | 21     | Courts by which offences are triable   |
| 28      | Sentences which High Courts and Sessions Judges may pass | 22     | Sentences which High Courts and Sessions Judges may pass Modification- Assistant Sessions Judge deleted. |
| 29      | Sentences which Magistrates may pass                     | 23     | Sentences which Magistrates may pass  Modification- 2 and explanation 1                                  |
| 30      | Sentence of imprisonment in default of fine              | 24     | Sentence of imprisonment in default of fine  |

# BNSS – S. 23- Sentences which Magistrates may pass

#### S. 23.

- (2) The Court of a Magistrate of the <u>first class</u> may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding <u>three years</u>, or of fine not <u>exceeding fifty thousand rupees</u>, or of both, or of community <u>service</u>.
- (3) The Court of Magistrate of the <u>second class</u> may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding <u>one year</u>, or of fine not <u>exceeding ten thousand rupees</u>, or of both, or of community service.
- Explanation.—"Community service" 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 entitled to any remuneration.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 31      | Sentence in cases of conviction of several offences at one trial           | 25     | Sentence in cases of conviction of several offences at one trial  Modification 2          |
| 32      | Mode of conferring powers  | 26     | Mode of conferring powers   |
| 33      | Powers of officers appointed   | 27     | Powers of officers appointed  |
| 34      | Withdrawal of powers   | 28     | Withdrawal of powers  |
| 35      | Powers of Judges and Magistrates exercisable by their successors-in-office | 29     | Powers of Judges and Magistrates exercisable by their successors-in-office Modification 1 |

## Chapter IV - POWERS OF SUPERIOR OFFICERS OF POLICE AND AID TO THE MAGISTRATES AND THE POLICE

- This Chapter contains sec 30 to 34
- There is no changes in this Chapter and sections are retained and renumbered as shown.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 36      | Powers of superior officers of police  | 30     | Powers of superior officers of police  |
| 37      | Public when to assist Magistrates and police   | 31     | Public when to assist Magistrates and police   |
| 38      | Aid to person, other than police officer, executing warrant                                  | 32     | Aid to person, other than police officer, executing warrant                                  |
| 39      | Public to give information of certain offences   | 33     | Public to give information of certain offences   |
| 40      | Duty of officers employed in connection with the affairs of a village to make certain report | 34     | Duty of officers employed in connection with the affairs of a village to make certain report |

### CHAPTER V - ARREST OF PERSONS

- This Chapter contains sec 35 to 62
- Provision of hand cuffing is introduced.
- No arrest without prior permission of DySP in offences punishable less than 3 years if the person is infirm or sixty years above.
- Registered medical practitioner while examining the accused to forward the examination report to IO without any delay.
- Medical officer can do one more examination if required on the accused.
- A designated police officer in every district not below the rank of ASI to furnish arrest details.

| Section | n Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 41, 41  | When police may arrest without warrant(41)  Notice of appearance before police officer (41A) | 35     | When police may arrest without warrant  New subsection added — 1`  41 A CrPC |
| 41B     | Procedure of arrest and duties of officer making arrest                                      | 36     | Procedure of arrest and duties of officer making arrest                      |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 41C     | Control room at districts   | 37     | Designated Police Officer  Modification – 1   |
| 41D     | Right of arrested person to meet an advocate of his choice during interrogation | 38     | Right of arrested person to meet an advocate of his choice during interrogation   |
| 42      | Arrest on refusal to give name and residence                                    | 39     | Arrest on refusal to give name and residence<br>Modification -2<br>(Sec 39(2) and (3) – Change made with respect to release<br>on bond or bail bond |
| 43      | Arrest by private person and procedure on such arrest                           | 40     | Arrest by private person and procedure on such arrest Timeline of 6 hrs is introduced   |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 44      | Arrest by Magistrate                                    | 41     | Arrest by Magistrate                                    |
| 45      | Protection of members of the Armed Forces from arrest   | 42     | Protection of members of the Armed Forces from arrest   |
| 46      | Arrest how made   | 43     | Arrest how made  New sub section added- 1               |
| 47      | Search of place entered by person sought to be arrested | 44     | Search of place entered by person sought to be arrested |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 48      | Pursuit of offenders into other jurisdictions  | 45     | Pursuit of offenders into other jurisdictions  |
| 49      | No unnecessary restraint   | 46     | No unnecessary restraint   |
| 50      | Person arrested to be informed of grounds of arrest and of right to bail                   | 47     | Person arrested to be informed of grounds of arrest and of right to bail                                     |
| 50A     | Obligation of person making arrest to inform about the arrest, etc., to a nominated person | 48     | Obligation of person making arrest to inform about the arrest, etc., to relative or friend  Modification - 1 |

BNSS. S 48 - Obligation of person making arrest to inform about arrest, etc., to relative or friend.

• 48. (1) Every police officer or other person making any arrest under this Sanhita shall forthwith give the information regarding such arrest and place where the arrested person is being held to any of his relatives, friends or such other persons as may be disclosed or nominated by the arrested person for the purpose of giving such information and also to the designated police officer in the district.

(Underline is Modified)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 51      | Search of arrested person   | 49     | Search of arrested person  |
| 52      | Power to seize offensive weapons  | 50     | Power to seize offensive weapons  Modification – " Immediately after the arrest is made take from the person arrested any offensive weapons which he has about his person" |
| 53      | Examination of accused by medical practitioner at the request of police officer | 51     | Examination of accused by medical practitioner at the request of police officer <u>Sub clause added – 1, Modification 2,</u>   |
| 53A     | Examination of person accused of rape by medical practitioner                   | 52     | Examination of person accused of rape by medical practitioner  Modification - 1  |

## Examination of person accused of Rape by Medical Practitioner – S 52 ( CrPC 53 A)

#### New modification – 1

52(1) - When a person is arrested on a charge of committing an offence of rape or an attempt to commit rape and there are reasonable grounds for believing that an examination of his person will afford evidence as to the commission of such offence, it shall be lawful for a registered medical practitioner employed in a hospital run by the Government or by a local authority and in the absence of such a practitioner within the radius of sixteen kilometers from the place where the offence has been committed, by any other registered medical practitioner, acting at the request of any police officer, and for any person acting in good faith in his aid and under his direction, to make such an examination of the arrested person and to use such force as is reasonable necessary for that purpose.

Modified – not below the rank of SI is changed to any police officer.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 54      | Examination of arrested person by medical officer                           | 53     | Examination of arrested person by medical officer  New proviso - 1          |
| 54A     | Identification of person arrested   | 54     | Identification of person arrested  Modification 1                           |
| 55      | Procedure when police officer deputes subordinate to arrest without warrant | 55     | Procedure when police officer deputes subordinate to arrest without warrant |
| 55A     | Health and safety of arrested person  | 56     | Health and safety of arrested person  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 56      | Person arrested to be taken before<br>Magistrate or officer in charge of police<br>station | 57     | Person arrested to be taken before Magistrate or officer in charge of police station |
| 57      | Person arrested not to be detained more than twenty-four hours                             | 58     | Person arrested not to be detained more than twenty-four hours  Modification 1       |
| 58      | Police to report apprehensions   | 59     | Police to report apprehensions   |
| 59      | Discharge of person apprehended  | 60     | Discharge of person apprehended  Modification 1                                      |
| 60      | Power, on escape, to pursue and retake   | 61     | Power, on escape, to pursue and retake   |
| 60A     | Arrest to be made strictly according to the Code   | 62     | Arrest to be made strictly according to the Sanhita                                  |

# CHAPTER VI - PROCESSES TO COMPEL APPEARANCE

- This Chapter contains sec 63 to 93
- A new section (86 BNSS) is introduced to identify and attach the property of proclaimed offenders.
- Electronic means were added for process service
- Scope of declaring proclaimed offender is increased. Now all offences having punishment for 10 years or more are included.

| Section | Heading            | Clause | Heading                               |
|---------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 61      | Form of summons    | 60     | Form of summons<br>New subsection - 1 |
| 62      | Summons how served | 6/1    | Summons how served<br>New provsio - 2 |

## Form of summons- S.63 (CrPC 61)

New subsection/clauses- 1 (New electronic means added)

63(ii) - Every summons issued by the Court shall be in an encrypted or other electronic communication and shall bear the image of the seal of the Court or digital signature.

## Summons how served - S. 64 (CrPC 62)

#### New proviso – 2

64(1) - Provided that the police station or the registrar in the Court shall maintain a register to enter the address, email address, phone number and such other details as the State Government may by rules, provide.

64(2) - Provided that summons bearing the image of Court's seal may also be served by electronic communication in such form and in such manner as the State Government may by rules, provide ( new electronic means added)

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 63      | Service of summons on corporate bodies and societies         | 65     | Service of summons on corporate bodies, firms, and societies  New sub section 1  Modification 1  |
| 64      | Service when persons summoned cannot be found                | 66     | Service when persons summoned cannot be found Modification 1 (Reference to 'adult male' deleted) |
| 65      | Procedure when service cannot be effected as before provided | 67     | Procedure when service cannot be effected as before provided                                     |
| 66      | Service on Government servant                                | 68     | Service on Government servant  |

## Service of summons on corporate bodies, firms, and societies - S. 65( CrPC 63)

#### New sub section/clauses - 1

65(2) - Service of summons on firms or other association of individuals

#### New modification – 1

65(1) - Service of a summons on a company or corporation may be effected by serving it on the Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer of the company or corporation, or by letter sent by registered post addressed to the Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer of the company or corporation in India, in which case the service shall be deemed to have been effected when the letter would arrive in ordinary course of post.



| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 67      | Service of summons outside local limits                             | 69     | Service of summons outside local limits  |
| 68      | Proof of service in such cases and when serving officer not present | 70     | Proof of service in such cases and when serving officer not present Sub section added – 1 (Electronic means added) |
| 69      | Service of summons on witness by post                               | 71     | Service of summons on witness by post Modification 2 (Electronic means added)                                      |
| 70      | Form of warrant of arrest and duration                              | 72     | Form of warrant of arrest and duration   |

| Section | Heading                               | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|
| 71      | Power to direct security to be taken  | 73     | Power to direct security to be taken  Modification 1 (bond is modified into bail bond) |
| 72      | Warrants to whom directed             | 74     | Warrants to whom directed  |
| 73      | Warrant may be directed to any person | 75     | Warrant may be directed to any person  |
| 74      | Warrant directed to police officer    | 76     | Warrant directed to police officer   |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 75      | Notification of substance of warrant                        | 77     | Notification of substance of warrant                     |
| 76      | Person arrested to be brought before<br>Court without delay | 78     | Person arrested to be brought before Court without delay |
| 77      | Where warrant may be executed                               | 79     | Where warrant may be executed                            |
| 78      | Warrant forwarded for execution outside jurisdiction        | 80     | Warrant forwarded for execution outside jurisdiction     |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 79      | Warrant directed to police officer for execution outside jurisdiction | 81     | Warrant directed to police officer for execution outside jurisdiction  |
| 80      | Procedure on arrest of person against whom warrant issued             | 82     | Procedure on arrest of person against whom warrant issued  New sub section added - 1   |
| 81      | Procedure by Magistrate before whom such person arrested is brought   | 83     | Procedure by Magistrate before whom such person arrested is brought Modification 1 (Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 82      | Proclamation for person absconding                                    | 84     | Proclamation for person absconding  Modification 1   |

#### Proclamation for person absconding S. 84 (CrPC 82)

#### New modification -1

84(4)- Where a proclamation published under sub-section (I) is in respect of a person accused of an offence which is made punishable with imprisonment of ten years or more, or imprisonment for life or with death under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 or under any other law for the time being in force, and such person fails to appear at the specified place and time required by the proclamation, the Court may, after making such inquiry a sit thinks fit, pronounce him a proclaimed offender and make a declaration to that effect.

Note: The sections of IPC mentioned in 82(4) CrPC is changed to the underlined above.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 83      | Attachment of property of person absconding        | 85     | Attachment of property of person absconding   |
|         |  | 86     | Identification and attachment of property of proclaimed person  New section added - 1 |
| 84      | Claims and objections to attachment                | 87     | Claims and objections to attachment   |
| 85      | Release, sale and restoration of attached property | 88     | Release, sale and restoration of attached property                                    |

#### 86. Identification and attachment of property of proclaimed person

( New section added)

The Court may, on the written request from a police officer not below the rank of the Superintendent of Police or Commissioner of Police, initiate the process of requesting assistance from a Court or an authority in the contracting State for identification, attachment and forfeiture of property belonging to a proclaimed person in accordance with the procedure provided in Chapter VIII.

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| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 86      | Appeal from order rejecting application for restoration of attached property        | 89     | Appeal from order rejecting application for restoration of attached property                           |
| 87      | Issue of warrant in lieu of, or in addition to, summons                             | 90     | Issue of warrant in lieu of, or in addition to, summons  |
| 88      | Power to take bond for appearance   | 91     | Power to take bond for appearance Modification 1 (Change made with respect to bond or bail bond)       |
| 89      | Arrest on breach of bond for appearance   | 92     | Arrest on breach of bond for appearance Modification 1 (Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 90      | Provisions of this Chapter generally applicable to summonses and warrants of arrest | 93     | Provisions of this Chapter generally applicable to summonses and warrants of arrest                    |

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## CHAPTER VII - PROCESSES TO COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF THINGS

• This Chapter contains Sec 94 to 110

| Section | Heading                                    | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 91      | Summons to produce document or other thing | 94     | Summons to produce document or other thing Modification 1                                  |
| 92      | Procedure as to letters and telegrams      | 95     | Procedure as to letters and telegrams  Modification 1 ( Reference to ' Telegraph' deleted) |
| 93      | When search warrant may be issued          | 96     | When search-warrant may be issued Modification 1 (Reference to 'Telegraph' deleted)        |

# Summons to produce document or other thing- S. 94 (CrPC 91)

#### New modification -1

94(1) - 94. (1) Whenever any Court or any officer in charge of a police station considers that the production of any document, electronic communication, including communication devices, which is likely to contain digital evidence or other thing is necessary or desirable for the purposes of any investigation, inquiry, trial or other proceeding under this Sanhita by or before such Court or officer, such Court may issue a summons or such officer may, by a written order, either in physical form or in electronic form, require the person in whose possession or power such document or thing is believed to be, to attend and produce it, or to produce it, at the time and place stated in the summons or order. (Electronic means added)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 94      | Search of place suspected to contain stolen property, forged documents, etc.              | 97     | Search of place suspected to contain stolen property, forged documents, etc.  Modification 1 - (Reference to Metal Tokens Act, 1889 replaced with coinage Act, 2011) |
| 95      | Power to declare certain publications forfeited and to issue search warrants for the same | 98     | Power to declare certain publications forfeited and to issue search-warrants for the same  |
| 96      | Application to High Court to set aside declaration of forfeiture                          | 99     | Application to High Court to set aside declaration of forfeiture   |
| 97      | Search for persons wrongfully confined  | 100    | Search for persons wrongfully confined   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 98      | Power to compel restoration of abducted females        | 101    | Power to compel restoration of abducted females  Modification 1 |
| 99      | Direction, etc., of search warrants                    | 102    | Direction, etc., of searchwarrants                              |
| 100     | Persons in charge of closed place to allow search      | 103    | Persons in charge of closed place to allow search               |
| 101     | Disposal of things found in search beyond jurisdiction | 104    | Disposal of things found in search beyond jurisdiction          |

## Power to compel restoration of abducted females- S. 101 (CrPC 98)

#### New modification -1

Upon complaint made on oath of the abduction or unlawful detention of a woman, or a female child for any unlawful purpose, a District Magistrate, Subdivisional Magistrate or Magistrate of the first class may make an order for the immediate restoration of such woman to her liberty, or of such female child to her, parent, guardian or other person having the lawful charge of such child, and may compel compliance with such order using such force as may be necessary

Note: In CrPC the immediate restoration of such female child to her husband, parent etc were mentioned. IN BNSS the husband is deleted and the female child can only be restored to the persons mentioned and underlined above.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
|         |   | 105    | Recording of search and seizure through audio-video electronic means  New section 1 |
| 102     | Power of Police Officer to seize certain property | 106    | Power of Police Officer to seize certain property                                   |
|         |   | 107    | Attachment, forfeiture and restoration of property New section 1                    |
| 103     | Magistrate may direct search in his presence      | 108    | Magistrate may direct search in his presence  |
| 104     | Power to impound document, etc., produced         | 109    | Power to impound document, etc., produced   |
| 105     | Reciprocal arrangements regarding processes       | 110    | Reciprocal arrangements regarding processes   |

# Attachment, forfeiture or restoration of property. (S.107.)

#### New section added

(1) Where a police officer making an investigation has reason to believe that any property is derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of a criminal activity or from the commission of any offence, he may, with the approval of the Superintendent of Police or Commissioner of Police, make an application to the Court or the Magistrate exercising jurisdiction to take cognizance of the offence or commit for trial or try the case, for the attachment of such property.

- 107.(2) show cause notice to the concerned person within a period of 14 days by the Court
- 107(3) notice to any other person.
- 107(4) order of attachment.
- 107(5) interim order passed exparte direct attachment.
- 107(6) order for distribution of attached property to the victims through District Magistrate
- 107(7) the district magistrate within in 60 days to distribute the proceeds of crime.
- 107(8) If no claimants proceeds of crime to be forfeited to the Government.

# CHAPTER VIII - RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN MATTERS AND PROCEDURE FOR ATTACHMENT AND FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY

- This chapter contains section 111 to 124
- There are no major changes in BNSS, Sections in CrPC are retained and renumbered.

| Section | Heading     | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|-------------|--------|--|
| 105 A   | Definitions | 111    | Definitions  |
|         |             | 112    | Letter of request to competent authority for investigation in a country or place outside India   |
|         |             | 113    | Letter of request from a country or place outside India to a Court or an authority for investigation in India Modification – reference to Chief Metropolitan magistrate removed. |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 105 B   | Assistance in securing transfer of persons                               | 114    | Assistance in securing transfer of persons                               |
| 105 C   | Assistance in relation to orders of attachment or forfeiture of property | 115    | Assistance in relation to orders of attachment or forfeiture of property |
| 105 D   | Identifying unlawfully acquired property                                 | 116    | Identifying unlawfully acquired property                                 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 105 E   | Seizure or attachment of property                               | 117    | Seizure or attachment of property                               |
| 105 F   | Management of properties seized or forfeited under this Chapter | 118    | Management of properties seized or forfeited under this Chapter |
| 105 G   | Notice of forfeiture of property                                | 119    | Notice of forfeiture of property                                |
| 105 H   | Forfeiture of property in certain cases                         | 120    | Forfeiture of property in certain cases                         |

| Section      | Heading                                   | Clause | Heading                                   |
|--------------|---|--------|---|
| 105-I        | Fine in lieu of forfeiture                | 121    | Fine in lieu of forfeiture                |
| <b>105</b> J | Certain transfers to be null and void     | 122    | Certain transfers to be null and void     |
| 105K         | Procedure in respect of letter of request | 123    | Procedure in respect of letter of request |
| 105L         | Application of this Chapter               | 124    | Application of this Chapter               |

### CHAPTER IX - SECURITY FOR KEEPING THE PEACE AND FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

- This chapter contains section 125 to 143
- There are no major changes in BNSS, Sections in CrPC are retained and renumbered

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 106     | Security for keeping the peace on conviction                             | 125    | Security for keeping the peace on conviction  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond                             |
| 107     | Security for keeping the peace in other cases                            | 126    | Security for keeping the peace in other cases  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond                            |
| 108     | Security for good behaviour from persons disseminating seditious matters | 127    | Security for good behaviour from persons disseminating seditious matters  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |
| 109     | Security for good behaviour from suspected persons                       | 128    | Security for good behaviour from suspected persons  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond                       |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 110     | Security for good behaviour from habitual offenders | 129    | Security for good behaviour from habitual offenders  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |
| 111     | Order to be made                                    | 130    | Order to be made<br>Modification 1  |
| 112     | Procedure in respect of person present in Court     | 131    | Procedure in respect of person present in Court   |
| 113     | Summons or warrant in case of person not so present | 132    | Summons or warrant in case of person not so present   |

| Section | Heading                                       | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 114     | Copy of order to accompany summons or warrant | 133    | Copy of order to accompany summons or warrant  |
| 115     | Power to dispense with personal attendance    | 134    | Power to dispense with personal attendance  Modification 1 ( Pleader replaced with advocate)                         |
| 116     | Inquiry as to truth of information            | 135    | Inquiry as to truth of information  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond                   |
| 117     | Order to give security                        | 136    | Order to give security  Modification 2 (Change made with respect to bond or bail bond and minor replaced with child) |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 118     | Discharge of person informed against                  | 137    | Discharge of person informed against   |
| 119     | Commencement of period for which security is required | 138    | Commencement of period for which security is required                                    |
| 120     | Contents of bond                                      | 139    | Contents of bond  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond         |
| 121     | Power to reject sureties                              | 140    | Power to reject sureties  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 122     | Imprisonment in default of security                              | 141    | Imprisonment in default of security  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond   |
| 123     | Power to release persons imprisoned for failing to give security | 142    | Power to release persons imprisoned for failing to give security                                      |
| 124     | Security for unexpired period of bond                            | 143    | Security for unexpired period of bond  Modification 1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |

## CHAPTER X - ORDER FOR MAINTENANCE OF WIVES, CHILDREN AND PARENTS

- This section contains section 144 to 147
- There are no major changes in BNSS, Sections in CrPC are retained and renumbered

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 125     | Order for maintenance of wives, children and parents | 144    | Order for maintenance of wives, children and parents |
| 126     | Procedure  | 145    | Procedure  |
| 127     | Alteration in allowance                              | 146    | Alteration in allowance                              |
| 128     | Enforcement of order of maintenance                  | 147    | Enforcement of order of maintenance                  |

## CHAPTER XI -MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND TRANQUILLITY

This section contains section 148 to 167

There are some slight changes from CrPC in this area.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 129     | Dispersal of assembly by use of civil force                           | 148    | Dispersal of assembly by use of civil force<br>Modification 1                |
| 130     | Use of armed forces to disperse assembly                              | 149    | Use of armed forces to disperse assembly Modification 1                      |
| 131     | Power of certain armed force officers to disperse assembly            | 150    | Power of certain armed force officers to disperse assembly                   |
| 132     | Protection against prosecution for acts done under preceding sections | 151    | Protection against prosecution for acts done under sections 148, 149 and 150 |
| 133     | Conditional order for removal of nuisance                             | 152    | Conditional order for removal of nuisance                                    |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 134     | Service or notification of order                        | 153    | Service or notification of order  |
| 135     | Person to whom order is addressed to obey or show cause | 154    | Person to whom order is addressed to obey or show cause Modification 1 - electronic means added |
| 136     | Consequences of his failing to do so                    | 155    | Consequences of his failing to do so  |
| 137     | Procedure where existence of public right is denied     | 156    | Procedure where existence of public right is denied   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 138     | Procedure where he appears to show cause                                       | 157    | Procedure where he appears to show cause  New proviso – 1, timeline 1          |
| 139     | Power of Magistrate to direct local investigation and examination of an expert | 158    | Power of Magistrate to direct local investigation and examination of an expert |
| 140     | Power of Magistrate to furnish written instructions, etc.                      | 159    | Power of Magistrate to furnish written instructions, etc.                      |
| 141     | Procedure on order being made absolute and consequences of disobedience        | 160    | Procedure on order being made absolute and consequences of disobedience        |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 142     | Injunction pending inquiry  | 161    | Injunction pending inquiry  |
| 143     | Magistrate may prohibit repetition or continuance of public nuisance                | 162    | Magistrate may prohibit repetition or continuance of public nuisance Modification 1 |
| 144     | Power to issue order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger              | 163    | Power to issue order in urgent cases of nuisance or apprehended danger              |
| 145     | Procedure where dispute concerning land or water is likely to cause breach of peace | 164    | Procedure where dispute concerning land or water is likely to cause breach of peace |

Magistrate may prohibit repetition or continuance of public nuisance- S. 162 (CrPC 143).

#### New modification- 1

A District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate, or any other Executive Magistrate or <u>Deputy Commissioner of Police</u> empowered by the State Government or the District Magistrate in this behali may order any person not to repeat or continue a public nuisance, as defined in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, or any special or local law

Note: Underlined point is added and modified...

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 146     | Power to attach subject of dispute and to appoint receiver | 165    | Power to attach subject of dispute and to appoint receiver |
| 147     | Dispute concerning right of use of land or water           | 166    | Dispute concerning right of use of land or water           |
| 148     | Local inquiry  | 167    | Local inquiry  |

## CHAPTER XII - PREVENTIVE ACTION OF THE POLICE

This Chapter contains Sec 168 to 172

New section added 172

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 149     | Police to prevent cognizable offences                   | 168    | Police to prevent cognizable offences   |
|         | Information of design to commit cognizable offences     | 169    | Information of design to commit cognizable offences                             |
| 151     | Arrest to prevent the commission of cognizable offences | 170    | Arrest to prevent the commission of cognizable offences                         |
| 152     | Prevention of injury to public property                 | 171    | Prevention of injury to public property   |
|         |   | 172    | Persons bound to confirm to lawful directions of Police<br>New section added -1 |

# Persons bound to conform to lawful directions of police. (S.172.)

### New section added.

- (1) All persons shall be bound to conform to the lawful directions of a police officer given in fulfillment of any of his duty under this Chapter.
- (2) A police officer may detain or remove any person resisting, refusing, ignoring or disregarding to conform to any direction given by him under sub-section (1) and may either take such person before a Magistrate or, in petty cases, release him as soon as possible within a period of twenty-four hours.

### CHAPTER XIII - INFORMATION TO THE POLICE AND THEIR POWERS TO INVESTIGATE

### This Chapter contains Sec 173 to 196

- Zero FIR Zero FIR is explained in the booklet of MHA which states that "if information received by the police discloses commission of an offence outside the limits of a police station, it shall be entered in the book and a copy of the report will be given to the informant. The police will also inform him/her about the police station to which such information has been forwarded. (Page 144 SI no 25)
- e FIR -
- Preliminary enquiry report
- Magistrate power u/s 156(3) CrPC is modified significantly

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 154     | Information in cognizable cases                                       | 173    | Information in cognizable cases  New subsection 2  Modification 2                                   |
| 155     | Information as to noncognizable cases and investigation of such cases | 174    | Information as to noncognizable cases and investigation of such cases  New subsection 1.            |
| 156     | Police officer's power to investigate cognizable cases                | 175    | Police officer's power to investigate cognizable case  New sub section 1  Proviso 1  Modification 1 |
| 157     | Procedure for investigation   | 176    | Procedure for investigation  New sub section1  Modification1  New proviso 1                         |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 158     | Report how submitted                                      | 177    | Report how submitted   |
| 159     | Power to hold investigation or preliminary inquiry        | 178    | Power to hold investigation or preliminary inquiry   |
| 160     | Police officer's power to require attendance of witnesses | 179    | Police officer's power to require attendance of witnesses  New proviso – 1  Modification 1 |
| 161     | Examination of witnesses by police                        | 180    | Examination of witnesses by police   |

Police officer's power to require attendance of witnesses - S. 179 (CrPC 160)

### New proviso - 1

179(1) - Provided further that if such person is willing to attend at the police station, such person may be permitted so to do.

### New modification - 1

179(I) - Proviso: Provided that no male person under the age of fifteen years or above the <u>age of sixty years or a woman</u> or a mentally or physically disabled person or a person with acute illness shall be required to attend at any place other than the place in which such an resides.

Note: 65 age reduced to 60.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 162     | Statements to police not to be signed – Use of statements in evidence | 181    | Statements to police not to be signed: Use of statements in evidence  |
| 163     | No inducement to be offered   | 182    | No inducement to be offered   |
| 164     | Recording of confessions and statements                               | 183    | Recording of confessions and statements  Proviso – 2                  |
| 164A    | Medical examination of the victim of rape                             | 184    | Medical examination of the victim of rape  Modification 1  Timeline 1 |

## BNSS. S. 183- Recording of confessions and statements

- (6) (a) In cases punishable under section 64, section 65, section 66, section 67, section 68, section 69, section 70, section 71, section 74, section 75, section 76, section 77, section 78, section 79 or section 124 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Magistrate shall record the statement of the person against whom such offence has been committed in the manner specified in sub-section (5), as soon as the commission of the offence is brought to the notice of the police:
- Provided that such statement shall, as far as practicable, be recorded by a woman Magistrate and in her absence by a male Magistrate in the presence of a woman:
- Provided further that in cases relating to the offences punishable with imprisonment for ten years or more or with imprisonment for life or with death, the Magistrate shall record the statement of the witness brought before him by the police officer:

BNSS. S. 184 - Medical examination of victim of rape.

184. 6) The registered medical practitioner shall, within a period of seven days forward the report to the investigating officer who shall forward it to the Magistrate referred to in section 193 as part of the documents referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (6) of that section. (timeline added)

Note: "without delay" in CrPC is modified to seven days in BNSS.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 165     | Search by police officer   | 185    | Search by police officer  Modification 2  Timeline 1  |
| 166     | When officer in charge of police station may require another to issue search warrant | 186    | When officer in charge of police station may require another to issue search-warrant              |
| 167     | Procedure when investigation cannot be completed in twentyfour hours                 | 187    | Procedure when investigation cannot be completed in twenty four hours  Modification 2  Timeline 1 |
| 168     | Report of investigation by subordinate police officer                                | 188    | Report of investigation by subordinate police officer   |

- BNSS. S. 187 Procedure when investigation cannot be completed in twenty-four hours.
- 187 . 2) The Magistrate to whom an accused person is forwarded under this section may, irrespective of whether he has or has no jurisdiction to try the case, after taking into consideration whether such person has not been released on bail or his bail has been cancelled, authorise, from time to time, the detention of the accused in such custody as such Magistrate thinks fit, for a term not exceeding fifteen days in the whole, or in parts, at any time during the initial forty days or sixty days out of detention period of sixty days or ninety days, as the case may be, as provided in sub-section (3), and if he has no jurisdiction to try the case or commit it for trial, and considers further detention unnecessary, he may order the accused to be forwarded to a Magistrate having such jurisdiction.

- 187(3)(i) ninety days, where the investigation relates to an offence punishable with death, imprisonment for life or imprisonment for a term of ten years or more (timeline)
- 187(5) Provided further that no person shall be detained otherwise than in police station under police custody or in prison under judicial custody or a place declared as prison by the Central Government or the State Government. ( Proviso added)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 169     | Release of accused when evidence deficient  | 189    | Release of accused when evidence deficient Modification( Change bail to bail bond)                            |
| 170     | Cases to be sent to Magistrate when evidence is sufficient  | 190    | Cases to be sent to Magistrate, when evidence is sufficient Proviso added 1                                   |
| 171     | Complainant and witnesses not to be required to accompany police officer and not to be subjected to restraint | 191    | Complainant and witnesses not to be required to accompany police officer and not to be subjected to restraint |
| 172     | Diary of proceedings in investigation   | 192    | Diary of proceedings in investigation   |

# BNSS. S. 190- Cases to be sent to Magistrate, when evidence is sufficient.

• 190(1) - Provided that if the accused is not in custody, the police officer shall take security from such person for his appearance before the Magistrate and the Magistrate to whom such report is forwarded shall not refuse to accept the same on the ground that the accused is not taken in custody. ( new provsio added)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 173     | Report of police officer on completion of investigation | 193    | Report of police officer on completion of investigation  Newly Sub section added 2  New sub section added 2  Proviso added 1  Modification- 2 |
| 174     | Police to enquire and report on suicide, etc.           | 194    | Police to enquire and report on suicide, etc.  Modification 1   |
| 175     | Power to summon persons                                 | 195    | Power to summon persons Proviso added 1   |
| 176     | Inquiry by Magistrate into cause of death               | 196    | Inquiry by Magistrate into cause of death  Modification ( Reference to metropolitan removed)  |

# BNSS. S. 194 - Police to enquire and report on suicide, etc.

194(2) - The report shall be signed by such police officer and other persons, or by so many of them as concur therein, and shall be forwarded to the District Magistrate or the Sub-divisional Magistrate within twenty-four hours. (Modification is timeline)



### BNSS. S. 195 - Power to summon persons.

• 195 (1) - Provided that no male person under the age of fifteen years or above the age of sixty years or a woman or a mentally or physically disabled person or a person with acute illness shall be required to attend at any place other than the place where such person resides:

Provided further that if such person is willing to attend and answer at the police station, such person may be permitted so to do.

(2 Provsios added)

# CHAPTER XIV - JURISDICTION OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS IN INQUIRIES AND TRIALS

• This chapter contains Sec 197 to 222

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 177     | Ordinary place of inquiry and trial   | 197    | Ordinary place of inquiry and trial   |
| 178     | Place of inquiry or trial   | 198    | Place of inquiry or trial   |
| 179     | Offence triable where act is done or consequence ensues                       | 199    | Offence triable where act is done or consequence ensues                       |
| 180     | Place of trial where act is an offence by reason of relation to other offence | 200    | Place of trial where act is an offence by reason of relation to other offence |

| Section | Heading                                      | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 181     | Place of trial in case of certain offences   | 201    | Place of trial in case of certain offences  Modification 1 ( Reference to thug removed)                                  |
| 182     | Offences committed by letters, etc.          | 202    | Offences committed by means of electronic communications, letters, etc.  Modification 1 (Electronic communication added) |
| 183     | Offence committed on journey or voyage       | 203    | Offence committed on journey or voyage   |
| 184     | Place of trial for offences triable together | 204    | Place of trial for offences triable together   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 185     | Power to order cases to be tried in different sessions divisions                         | 205    | Power to order cases to be tried in different sessions divisions   |
| 186     | High Court to decide, in case of doubt, district where inquiry or trial shall take place | 206    | High Court to decide, in case of doubt, district where inquiry or trial shall take place   |
| 187     | Power to issue summons or warrant for offence committed beyond local jurisdiction        | 207    | Power to issue summons or warrant for offence committed beyond local jurisdiction Modification 1 (Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 188     | Offence committed outside India  | 208    | Offence committed outside India Modification 1   |
| 189     | Receipt of evidence relating to offences committed outside India                         | 209    | Receipt of evidence relating to offences committed outside India Modification 1  |

### BNSS. S. 208 - Offence committed outside India

- 208. When an offence is committed outside India—
- (a) by a citizen of India, whether on the high seas or elsewhere; or
- (b) by a person, not being such citizen, on any ship or aircraft registered in India, he may be dealt with in respect of such offence as if it had been committed at any place within India at which he may be found or where the offence is registered in India: (Modified)

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# BNSS. S. 209- Receipt of evidence relating to offences committed outside India

- 209. When any offence alleged to have been committed in a territory outside India is being inquired into or tried under the provisions of section 208, the Central Government may, if it thinks fit, direct that copies of depositions made or exhibits produced, either in physical form or in electronic form, before a judicial officer, in or for that territory or before a diplomatic or consular representative of India in or for that territory shall be received as evidence by the Court holding such inquiry or trial in any case in which such Court might issue a commission for taking evidence as to the matters to which such depositions or exhibits relate.
- Modification Underline newly added.

# CHAPTER XV - CONDITIONS REQUISITE FOR INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS

• This chapter contains section 210 to 222

| Section | Heading                                | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 190     | Cognizance of offences by Magistrates  | 210    | Cognizance of offences by Magistrates<br>Modification 1 |
| 191     | Transfer on application of the accused | 211    | Transfer on application of the accused                  |
| 192     | Making over of cases to Magistrates    | 212    | Making over of cases to Magistrates                     |

# BNSS. S. 210- Cognizance of offences by Magistrate.

#### 210.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, any Magistrate of the first class, and any Magistrate of the second class specially empowered in this behalf under sub-section (2), may take cognizance of any offence—
- (a) upon receiving a complaint of facts, including any complaint filed by a person authorised under any special law, which constitutes such offence;
- (b) upon a police report (submitted in any mode including electronic mode) of such facts;

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 193     | Cognizance of offences by Courts of Session   | 213    | Cognizance of offences by Courts of Session   |
| 194     | Additional and Assistant Sessions Judges to try cases made over to them   | 214    | Additional Sessions Judges to try cases made over to them Modification 1( reference to Asst Sessions Judge removed)   |
| 195     | Prosecution for contempt of lawful authority of public servants, for offences against public justice and for offences relating to documents given in evidence | 215    | Prosecution for contempt of lawful authority of public servants, for offences against public justice and for offences relating to documents given in evidence Modification 3 (215 (1)(a), 215(2),215(3) |
| 195A    | Procedure for witnesses in case of threatening, etc.  | 216    | Procedure for witnesses in case of threatening, etc.  |

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|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Section                          | Heading   | Clause                                   | Heading   |
| 196                              | Prosecution for offences against the State and for criminal conspiracy to commit such offence | 217                                      | Prosecution for offences against the State and for criminal conspiracy to commit such offence   |
| 197                              | Prosecution of Judges and public servants   | 218                                      | Prosecution of Judges and public servants Proviso 1   |
| 198                              | Prosecution for offences against marriage   | 219                                      | Prosecution for offences against marriage Modification 1 (219 (1)(a) – Child under the age of 18 years replaced with child. Terms "Lunatic" idiot" replaced with "person of unsound mind" |
| 198A                             | Prosecution of offences under section<br>498A of the Indian Penal Code                        | 220                                      | Prosecution of offences under section 498A of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023   |
| 198B                             | Cognizance of offence   | 221                                      | Cognizance of offence   |
| 199                              | Prosecution for defamation  | 222                                      | Prosecution for defamation  Modification 1 (221 (1)- proviso modified) – Person under  18 yrs replaced with child) , Terms "Lunatic""idiot"  replaced with " person of unsound mind       |

# BNSS. S. 218 - Prosecution of Judges and public servants.

 Provided further that such Government shall take a decision within a period of one hundred and twenty days from the date of the receipt of the request for sanction and in case it fails to do so, the sanction shall be deemed to have been accorded by such Government:

(Proviso newly added)

## CHAPTER XVI - COMPLAINTS TO MAGISTRATES

• This chapter contains Sec 223 to 226.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 200     | Examination of complainant   | 223    | Examination of complainant  New sub section added- 1  Proviso added -1 |
| 201     | Procedure by Magistrate not competent to take cognizance of the case | 224    | Procedure by Magistrate not competent to take cognizance of the case   |
| 202     | Postponement of issue of process                                     | 225    | Postponement of issue of process                                       |
| 203     | Dismissal of complaint   | 226    | Dismissal of complaint   |

### BNSS. S. 223 - Examination of complainant.

• 223. (1) A Magistrate having jurisdiction while taking cognizance of an offence on complaint shall examine upon oath the complainant and the witnesses present, if any, and the substance of such examination shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by the complainant and the witnesses, and also by the Magistrate:

Provided that no cognizance of an offence shall be taken by the Magistrate without giving the accused an opportunity of being heard: (New proviso added)

- (2) A Magistrate shall not take cognizance on a complaint against a public servant for any offence alleged to have been committed in course of the discharge of his official functions or duties unless—
- (a) such public servant is given an opportunity to make assertions as to the situation that led to the incident so alleged; and
- (b) a report containing facts and circumstances of the incident from the officer superior to such public servant is received.

( New subsection added)

## CHAPTER XVII - COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE MAGISTRATES

• This chapter contains section 227 to 233

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 204     | Issue of process   | 227    | Issue of process  New Proviso 1( 227(3) - summons and warrants can be issued electronically)  |
| 205     | Magistrate may dispense with personal attendance of accused        | 228    | Magistrate may dispense with personal attendance of accused   |
| 206     | Special summons in cases of petty offence                          | 229    | Special summons in cases of petty offence<br>Modification 2   |
| 207     | Supply to the accused of copy of police report and other documents | 230    | Supply to the accused of copy of police report and other documents  New Proviso added 1 ( 230 – Supply of documents in e- form shall be considered as duly furnished)  Modification 2 |

# BNSS. S. 230 - Supply to accused of copy of police report and other documents.

- S. 230(1) In any case where the proceeding has been instituted on a police report, the Magistrate shall without delay, and in no case beyond fourteen days from the date of production or appearance of the accused, furnish to the accused and the victim (if of each of the following
- 230 Proviso: Provided further that if the Magistrate is satisfied that any such document is voluminous, he shall, instead of furnishing the accused and the victim (if represented by an advocate) with a copy thereof, may furnish the copies through electronic means or direct that he will only be allowed to inspect it either personally or through advocate in Court: (Two modifications)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 208     | Supply of copies of statements and documents to accused in other cases triable by court of session              | 231    | Supply of copies of statements and documents to accused in other cases triable by Court of Session  New Proviso added 1 ( 231 – Supply of documents in eform shall be considered as duly furnished ) |
| 209     | Commitment of case to Court of Session when offence is triable exclusively by it                                | 232    | Commitment of case to Court of Session when offence is triable exclusively by it Proviso added 1   |
| 210     | Procedure to be followed when there is a complaint case and police investigation in respect of the same offence | 233    | Procedure to be followed when there is a complaint case and police investigation in respect of the same offence  |

## BNSS. S. 232- Commitment of case to Court of Session when offence is triable exclusively by it.

Provided that the proceedings under this section shall be completed within a period of ninety days from the date of taking cognizance, and such period may be extended by the Magistrate for a period not exceeding one hundred and eighty days for the reasons to be recorded in writing:

Provided further that any application filed before the Magistrate by the accused or the victim or any person authorised by such person in a case triable by Court of Session, shall be forwarded to the Court of Session with the committal of the case

(Two provisos newly added)

### CHAPTER XVIII - THE CHARGE

This chapter contains sections 234 to 247

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 211     | Contents of charge                               | 234    | Contents of charge                               |
| 212     | Particulars as to time, place and person         | 235    | Particulars as to time, place and person         |
| 213     | When manner of committing offence must be stated | 236    | When manner of committing offence must be stated |

| Costion | Hooding   | Clause | Hooding   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
| 214     | Words in charge taken in sense of law under which offence is punishable | 237    | Words in charge taken in sense of law under which offence is punishable |
| 215     | Effect of errors  | 238    | Effect of errors  |
| 216     | Court may alter charge  | 239    | Court may alter charge  |
| 217     | Recall of witnesses when charge altered                                 | 240    | Recall of witnesses when charge altered                                 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 218     | Separate charges for distinct offences                          | 241    | Separate charges for distinct offences                                   |
| 219     | Three offences of same kind within year may be charged together | 242    | Offences of same kind within year may be charged together Modification 1 |
| 220     | Trial for more than one offence                                 | 243    | Trial for more than one offence  |
| 221     | Where it is doubtful what offence has been committed            | 244    | Where it is doubtful what offence has been committed                     |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 222     | When offence proved included in offence charged                         | 245    | When offence proved included in offence charged                         |
| 223     | What persons may be charged jointly                                     | 246    | What persons may be charged jointly                                     |
| 224     | Withdrawal of remaining charges on conviction on one of several charges | 247    | Withdrawal of remaining charges on conviction on one of several charges |

## CHAPTER XIX TRIAL BEFORE A COURT OF SESSION

This chapter contains section from 248 to 260

| Section | Heading                                    | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 225     | Trial to be conducted by Public Prosecutor | 248    | Trial to be conducted by Public Prosecutor   |
| 226     | Opening case for prosecution               | 249    | Opening case for prosecution  Modified 1   |
| 227     | Discharge                                  | 250    | Discharge New subsection added 1 ( Accused to prefer an application for discharge within 60 days from date of committal of case) |
| 228     | Framing of charge                          | 251    | Framing of charge Modified 1, 251(1)(b)  |
| 229     | Conviction on plea of guilty               | 252    | Conviction on plea of guilty   |

| Section | Heading                       | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| 230     | Date for prosecution evidence | 253    | Date for prosecution evidence  |
| 231     | Evidence for prosecution      | 254    | Evidence for prosecution  New proviso added 1 (254 (1) - evidence of witness may be recorded by audio video e means)  New subsection added 1( Deposition of evidence of any PO or public servant may through audio video electronic means) |
| 232     | Acquittal                     | 255    | Acquittal  |
| 233     | Entering upon defence         | 256    | Entering upon defence  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 234     | Arguments  | 257    | Arguments  |
| 235     | Judgment of acquittal or conviction                | 258    | Judgment of acquittal or conviction                |
| 236     | Previous conviction                                | 259    | Previous conviction                                |
| 237     | Procedure in cases instituted under section 199(2) | 260    | Procedure in cases instituted under section 223(1) |

### CHAPTER XX - TRIAL OF WARRANT-CASES BY MAGISTRATES

This chapter contains section from 261 to 273

| Section | Heading                          | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------|---|
| 238     | Compliance with section 207      | 261    | Compliance with section 231   |
| 239     | When accused shall be discharged | 262    | When accused shall be discharged  New sub section 1 – Accused may prefer application for discharge within 60 days from date of supply of copies of documents u/s 230.   |
| 240     | Framing of charge                | 263    | Framing of charge Modification 1 - 263(I) - If, upon such consideration, examination, if any, and hearing, the Magistrate is of opinion that there is ground for presuming that the accused has committed an offence triable under this Chapter, which such Magistrate is competent to try and which, in his opinion, could be adequately punished by him, he shall frame in writing a charge against the accused within a period of sixty days from the date of first hear on charge |
| 241     | Conviction on plea of guilty     | 264    | Conviction on plea of guilty  |

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| Section | Heading                          | Clause | Heading  |  |
| 242     | Evidence for prosecution         | 265    | Evidence for prosecution  Proviso 1 — newly added- 265(3) Provided further that the examination of a witness under this sub-section may be done by audio-video electronic means at the designated place to be notified by the State Government.  |  |
| 243     | Evidence for defence             | 266    | Evidence for defence Proviso 2 – newly added- 266(2) Provided that when the accused has cross-examined or had the opportunity of cross-examining any witness before entering on his defence, the attendance of such witness shall not be compelled under this section, unless the Magistrate is satisfied that it is necessary for the ends of justice . Provided further that the examination of a witness under this sub-section may be done by audio-video electronic means at the designated place to be notified by the State Government. |  |
| 244     | Evidence for prosecution         | 267    | Evidence for prosecution   |  |
| 245     | When accused shall be discharged | 268    | When accused shall be discharged   |  |

| Section | Heading                                   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 246     | Procedure where accused is not discharged | 269    | Procedure where accused is not discharged  New subsection added1 - 269(7) - where attendance of prosecution witnesses cannot be secured for cross examination, it shall be deemed that such witness has not been examined for not being available and the Magistrate may close prosecution evidence and record reasons for the same and proceed with the case on material on record.  |
| 247     | Evidence for defence                      | 270    | Evidence for defence  |
| 248     | Acquittal or conviction                   | 271    | Acquittal or conviction   |
| 249     | Absence of complainant                    | 272    | Absence of complainant  Modification 1 - When the proceedings have been instituted upon complaint, and on any day fixed for the hearing of the case, the complainant is absent, and the offence may be lawfully compounded or is not a cognizable offence, the Magistrate may after giving thirty days time to the complainant to be present, in his discretion, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, at any time before the charge has been framed, dischage the |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 250     | Compensation for accusation without reasonable cause | 273    | Compensation for accusation without reasonable cause Modification 1 - 273(6) A complainant or informant who has been ordered under sub-section (2) by a Magistrate of the second class to pay compensation exceeding two thousand rupees, may appeal from the order, as if such complainant or informant had been convicted on a trial held by such Magistrate |

### CHAPTER XXI - TRIAL OF SUMMONS-CASES BY MAGISTRATES

• This chapter contains sections from 274 to 282

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 251     | Substance of accusation to be stated                              | 274    | Substance of accusation to be stated Proviso added 1              |
| 252     | Conviction on plea of guilty                                      | 275    | Conviction on plea of guilty                                      |
| 253     | Conviction on plea of guilty in absence of accused in petty cases | 276    | Conviction on plea of guilty in absence of accused in petty cases |
| 254     | Procedure when not convicted                                      | 277    | Procedure when not convicted                                      |

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| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 255     | Acquittal or conviction                                       | 278    | Acquittal or conviction                                   |
| 256     | Non-appearance or death of complainant                        | 279    | Non-appearance or death of complainant Modification 1     |
| 257     | Withdrawal of complaint                                       | 280    | Withdrawal of complaint                                   |
| 258     | Power to stop proceedings in certain cases                    | 281    | Power to stop proceedings in certain cases                |
| 259     | Power of Court to convert summons-<br>cases into warrantcases | 282    | Power of Court to convert summons-cases into warrantcases |

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### CHAPTER XXII - SUMMARY TRIALS

• This chapter contains sections from 283 to 288

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 260     | Power to try summarily                          | 283    | Power to try summarily New subsection added -1 - 283(2) - Magistrate after giving the accused a reasonable opportunity to be heard, try in a summary way all or any offence not punishable with death/imprisonment of life/or imprisonment exceeding 3 years New proviso added 1 - 283(2) Provided that no appeal shall lie against the decision of a Magistrate to try a case in a summary way under this sub-section Modification 4 |
| 261     | Summary trial by Magistrate of the second class | 284    | Summary trial by Magistrate of the second class   |
| 262     | Procedure for summary trials                    | 285    | Procedure for summary trials  |

| Section | Heading                           | Clause | Heading                           |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 263     | Record in summary trials          | 286    | Record in summary trials          |
| 264     | Judgment in cases tried summarily | 287    | Judgment in cases tried summarily |
| 265     | Language of record and judgment   | 288    | Language of record and judgment   |

### CHAPTER XXIII - PLEA BARGAINING

This chapter contains .sections from 289 to 300.

| Section | Heading                         | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| 265A    | Application of the Chapter      | 289    | Application of the Chapter<br>Modification 1  |
| 265B    | Application for plea bargaining | 290    | Application for plea bargaining Modification 2 - 290(I) A person accused of an offence may file an application for plea bargaining within a period of thirty days from the date of framing of charge in the Court in which such offence is pending for trial. 290(4)(a) If the Court is satisfied that the application has been filed accused voluntarily, it shall provide time not exceeding sixty days' to the Public prosecutor or the complainant of the case and the accused to work out a mutually satisfactory disposition of the case which may include giving to the victim by the accused the compensation and other expenses during the case and thereafter fix the date for further hearing of the case; |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 265C    | Guidelines for mutually satisfactory disposition                                 | 291    | Guidelines for mutually satisfactory disposition                                 |
| 265D    | Report of the mutually satisfactory disposition to be submitted before the Court | 292    | Report of the mutually satisfactory disposition to be submitted before the Court |
| 265E    | Disposal of the case   | 293    | Disposal of the case<br>Modification 2   |
| 265F    | Judgment of the Court  | 294    | Judgment of the Court  |
| 265G    | Finality of the judgment   | 295    | Finality of the judgment   |
| 265H    | Power of the Court in plea bargaining  | 296    | Power of the Court in plea bargaining  |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 265-I   | Period of detention undergone by the accused to be set off against the sentence of imprisonment | 297    | Period of detention undergone by the accused to be set off against the sentence of imprisonment |
| 265J    | Savings   | 298    | Savings   |
| 265K    | Statements of accused not to be used  | 299    | Statements of accused not to be used  |
| 265L    | Non-application of the Chapter  | 300    | Non-application of the Chapter  |

## CHAPTER XXIV - ATTENDANCE OF PERSONS CONFINED OR DETAINED IN PRISONS

This chapter contains .sections from 301 to 306

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 266     | Definitions  | 301    | Definition  |
| 267     | Power to require attendance of prisoners   | 302    | Power to require attendance of prisoners  |
| 268     | Power of State Government to exclude certain persons from operation of section 267 | 303    | Power of State Government or Central Government to exclude certain persons from operation of section 302 Modification 2 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 269     | Officer-in-charge of prison to abstain from carrying out order in certain contingencies | 304    | Officer in charge of prison to abstain from carrying out order in certain contingencies |
| 270     | Prisoner to be brought to Court in custody  | 305    | Prisoner to be brought to Court in custody  |
| 271     | Power to issue commission for examination of witness in prison                          | 306    | Power to issue commission for examination of witness in prison                          |

## CHAPTER XXV - EVIDENCE IN INQUIRIES AND TRIALS

This chapter contains sections from 307 to 336

| Section | Heading                                     | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 272     | Language of Courts                          | 307    | Language of Courts   |
| 273     | Evidence to be taken in presence of accused | 308    | Evidence to be taken in presence of accused Modification 1 - Except as otherwise expressly provided, all evidence taken in the course of the trial or other proceeding shall be taken in the presence of the accused, or, when his personal attendance is dispensed with, in the presence of his advocate including through audio-video electronic means at the designated place to be notified by the State Government. |
| 274     | Record in summons-cases and inquiries       | 309    | Record in summons-cases and inquiries  |

| Section | Heading                                 | Clause | Heading                                 |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 275     | Record in warrant-cases                 | 310    | Record in warrant-cases                 |
| 276     | Record in trial before Court of Session | 311    | Record in trial before Court of Session |
| 277     | Language of record of evidence          | 312    | Language of record of evidence          |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 278     | Procedure in regard to such evidence when completed  | 313    | Procedure in regard to such evidence when completed Modification 1 – Pleader replaced with advocate   |
| 279     | Interpretation of evidence to accused or his pleader | 314    | Interpretation of evidence to accused or his pleader  |
| 280     | Remarks respecting demeanour of witness              | 315    | Remarks respecting demeanour of witness   |
| 281     | Record of examination of accused                     | 316    | Record of examination of accused  New proviso added 1 - 316(4) Provided that where the accused is in custody and is examined through electronic communication, his signature shall be taken within seventy-two hours of such examination, |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 282     | Interpreter to be bound to interpret truthfully                        | 317    | Interpreter to be bound to interpret truthfully  |
| 283     | Record in High Court   | 318    | Record in High Court   |
| 284     | When attendance of witness may be dispensed with and commission issued | 319    | When attendance of witness may be dispensed with and commission issued                   |
| 285     | Commission to whom to be issued  | 320    | Commission to whom to be issued  Modification 1 – Chief Metropolitan Magistrate removed. |

| Section | Heading                       | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| 286     | Execution of commissions      | 321    | Execution of commissions  Modification 1 – Chief Metropolitan Magistrate removed |
| 287     | Parties may examine witnesses | 322    | Parties may examine witnesses  |
| 288     | Return of commission          | 323    | Return of commission   |
| 289     | Adjournment of proceeding     | 324    | Adjournment of proceeding  |

| Section | Heading                             | Clause | Heading                             |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 290     | Execution of foreign commissions    | 325    | Execution of foreign commissions    |
| 291     | Deposition of medical witness       | 326    | Deposition of medical witness       |
| 291 A   | Identification report of Magistrate | 327    | Identification report of Magistrate |
| 292     | Evidence of officers of the Mint    | 328    | Evidence of officers of the Mint    |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 293     | Reports of certain Government scientific experts | 329    | Reports of certain Government scientific experts   |
| 294     | No formal proof of certain documents             | 330    | No formal proof of certain documents  New proviso added 2 - 330(1) Provided that the Court may, in its discretion, relax the time limit with reasons to be recorded in writing.  Provided further that no expert shall be called to appear before the Court unless the report of such expert is disputed by any of the parties to the trial  Modification 2 - 330(1) Where any document is filed before any Court by the prosecution or the accused, the particulars of every such document shall be included in a list and the prosecution or the accused or the advocate for the prosecution or the accused, if any, shall be called upon to admit or deny the genuineness of each such document soon after supply of such documents and in no case later than 30 days after such supply |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 295     | Affidavit in proof of conduct of public servants | 331    | Affidavit in proof of conduct of public servants   |
| 296     | Evidence of formal character on affidavit        | 332    | Evidence of formal character on affidavit  |
| 297     | Authorities before whom affidavits may be sworn  | 333    | Authorities before whom affidavits may be sworn  |
| 298     | Previous conviction or acquittal how proved      | 334    | Previous conviction or acquittal how proved  |
| 299     | Record of evidence in absence of accused         | 335    | Record of evidence in absence of accused   |
|         |  | 336    | Evidence of public servants, experts, police officers in certain cases  New section added – 1  New proviso added - 2 |

### BNSS. S.336 - Evidence of public servants, experts, police officers in certain cases.

- 336. Where any document or report prepared by a public servant, scientific expert or medical officer is purported to be used as evidence in any inquiry, trial or other proceeding under this Sanhita, and—
- (i) such public servant, expert or officer is either transferred, retired, or died; or
- (ii) such public servant, expert or officer cannot be found or is incapable of giving deposition; or
- (iii) securing presence of such public servant, expert or officer is likely to cause delay in holding the inquiry, trial or other proceeding,
- the Court shall secure presence of successor officer of such public servant, expert, or officer who is holding that post at the time of such deposition to give deposition on such document or report:

Provided that no public servant, scientific expert or medical officer shall be called to appear before the Court unless the report of such public servant, scientific expert or medical officer is disputed by any of the parties of the trial or other proceedings:

Provided further that the deposition of such successor public servant, expert or officer may be allowed through audio-video electronic means (Two new provisos added)

# CHAPTER XXVI — General Provisions as to Inquiries and Trials

This chapter contains sections from 337 to 366.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 300     | Person once convicted or acquitted not to be tried for same offence    | 337    | Person once convicted or acquitted not to be tried for same offence    |
| 301     | Appearance by Public Prosecutors                                       | 338    | Appearance by Public Prosecutors                                       |
| 302     | Permission to conduct prosecution                                      | 339    | Permission to conduct prosecution                                      |
| 303     | Right of person against whom proceedings are instituted to be defended | 340    | Right of person against whom proceedings are instituted to be defended |

| Saction | Hooding  | Clause | Hooding   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
| 304     | Legal aid to accused at State expense in certain cases         | 341    | Legal aid to accused at State expense in certain cases Modification 1 |
| 305     | Procedure when corporation or registered society is an accused | 342    | Procedure when corporation or registered society is an accused        |
| 306     | Tender of pardon to accomplice                                 | 343    | Tender of pardon to accomplice Modification 2                         |
| 307     | Power to direct tender of pardon                               | 344    | Power to direct tender of pardon                                      |

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| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 308     | Trial of person not complying with conditions of pardon     | 345    | Trial of person not complying with conditions of pardon   |
| 309     | Power to postpone or adjourn proceedings                    | 346    | Power to postpone or adjourn proceedings  New proviso 1  346(2)Proviso (b) where the circumstances are beyond the control of a party, not more than two adjournments may be granted by the Court after hearing the objections of the other party and for the reasons to be recorded in writing; |
| 310     | Local inspection  | 347    | Local inspection  |
| 311     | Power to summon material witness, or examine person present | 348    | Power to summon material witness, or examine person present   |

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| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 311A    | Power of Magistrate to order person to give specimen signatures or handwriting | 349    | Power of Magistrate to order person to give specimen signatures or handwriting  New proviso - Provided further that the Magistrate may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, order any person to give such specimen or sample without him being arrested.  Modification 1 If a Magistrate of the first class is satisfied that, for the purposes of any investigation or proceeding under this Sanhita, it is expedient to direct any person, including an accused person, to give specimen signatures or finger impressions or handwriting or voice sample, he may make an order to that effect and in that case the person to whom the order relates shall be produced or shall attend at the time and place specified in such order and shall give his specimen signatures or finger impressions or handwriting or voice sample. |
| 312     | Expenses of complainants and witnesses   | 350    | Expenses of complainants and witnesses  |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 313     | Power to examine the accused  | 351    | Power to examine the accused  |
| 314     | Oral arguments and memorandum of arguments  | 352    | Oral arguments and memorandum of arguments  |
| 315     | Accused person to be competent witness  | 353    | Accused person to be competent witness  |
| 316     | No influence to be used to induce disclosure  | 354    | No influence to be used to induce disclosure  |
| 317     | Provision for inquiries and trial being held in the absence of accused in certain cases | 355    | Provision for inquiries and trial being held in the absence of accused in certain cases  Explanation added — 1 - ExplanationFor the purpose of this section, personal attendance of the accused includes attendance through audio-video electronic means. |
|         |   | 356    | Inquiry, trial or judgment in absentia of proclaimed offender  New section added 1  |

# BNSS. S. 356 - Inquiry, trial or judgment in absentia of proclaimed offender.

356. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Sanhita or in any other law for the time being in force, when a person declared as a proclaimed offender, whether or not charged jointly, has absconded to evade trial and there is no immediate prospect of arresting him, it shall be deemed to operate as a waiver of the right of such person to be present and tried in person, and the Court shall, after recording reasons in writing, in the interest of justice, proceed with the trial in the like manner and with like effect as if he was present, under this Sanhita and pronounce the judgment:

Provided that the Court shall not commence the trial unless a period of ninety days has lapsed from the date of framing of the charge.

- (2) The Court shall ensure that the following procedure has been complied with before proceeding under sub-section (1), namely:—
- (i) issuance of two consecutive warrants of arrest within the interval of at least thirty days;
- (ii) publish in a national or local daily newspaper circulating in the place of his last known address of residence, requiring the proclaimed offender to appear before the Court for trial and informing him that in case he fails to appear within thirty days from the date of such publication, the trial shall commence in his absence;
- (iii) inform his relative or friend, if any, about the commencement of the trial; and
- (iv) affix information about the commencement of the trial on some conspicuous part of the house or homestead in which such person ordinarily resides and display in the police station of the district of his last known address of residence.

- (3) Where the proclaimed offender is not represented by any advocate, he shall be provided with an advocate for his defence at the expense of the State.
- (4) Where the Court, competent to try the case or commit for trial, has examined any witnesses for prosecution and recorded their depositions, such depositions shall be given in evidence against such proclaimed offender on the inquiry into, or in trial for, the offence with which he is charged:

Provided that if the proclaimed offender is arrested and produced or appears before the Court during such trial, the Court may, in the interest of justice, allow him to examine any evidence which may have been taken in his absence

- (5) Where a trial is related to a person under this section, the deposition and examination of the witness, may, as far as practicable, be recorded by audio-video electronic means preferably mobile phone and such recording shall be kept in such manner as the Court may direct.
- (6) In prosecution for offences under this Sanhita, voluntary absence of accused after the trial has commenced under sub-section (1) shall not prevent continuing the trial including the pronouncement of the judgment even if he is arrested and produced or appears at the conclusion of such trial.
- (7) No appeal shall lie against the judgment under this section unless the proclaimed offender presents himself before the Court of appeal:
  - Provided that no appeal against conviction shall lie after the expiry of three years from the date of the judgment.
- (8) The State may, by notification, extend the provisions of this section to any absconder mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 84.

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 318     | Procedure where accused does not understand proceedings                  | 357    | Procedure where accused does not understand proceedings   |
| 319     | Power to proceed against other persons appearing to be guilty of offence | 358    | Power to proceed against other persons appearing to be guilty of offence  |
| 320     | Compounding of offences  | 359    | Compounding of offences  Modification 1   |
| 321     | Withdrawal from prosecution  | 360    | Withdrawal from prosecution  New proviso 1 - Provided further that no Court shall allow such withdrawal without giving an opportunity of being heard to the victim in the case.  Modification 1 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 322     | Procedure in cases which Magistrate cannot dispose of   | 361    | Procedure in cases which Magistrate cannot dispose of   |
| 323     | Procedure when, after commencement of inquiry or trial, Magistrate finds case should be committed | 362    | Procedure when, after commencement of inquiry or trial, Magistrate finds case should be committed |
| 324     | Trial of persons previously convicted of offences against coinage, stamp-law or property          | 363    | Trial of persons previously convicted of offences against coinage, stamp-law or property          |
| 325     | Procedure when Magistrate cannot pass sentence sufficiently severe                                | 364    | Procedure when Magistrate cannot pass sentence sufficiently severe Modification 1                 |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 326     | Conviction or commitment on evidence partly recorded by one Magistrate and partly by another | 365    | Conviction or commitment on evidence partly recorded by one Magistrate and partly by another |
| 327     | Court to be open   | 366    | Court to be open   |

## CHAPTER XXVII - PROVISIONS AS TO ACCUSED PERSONS OF UNSOUND MIND

This section consists of sections from 367 to 378

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 328     | Procedure in case of accused being lunatic                      | 367    | Procedure in case of accused being person with mental illness  Modification 1       |
| 329     | Procedure in case of person of unsound mind tried before Court  | 368    | Procedure in case of person with mental illness tried before Court                  |
| 330     | Release of person of unsoundmind pending investigation or trial | 369    | Release of person with mental illness pending investigation or trial Modification 1 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 331     | Resumption of inquiry or trial                            | 370    | Resumption of inquiry or trial                            |
| 332     | Procedure on accused appearing before Magistrate or Court | 371    | Procedure on accused appearing before Magistrate or Court |
| 333     | When accused appears to have been of sound mind           | 372    | When accused appears to have been of sound mind           |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 334     | Judgment of acquittal on ground of unsoundness of mind                     | 373    | Judgment of acquittal on ground of mental illness   |
| 335     | Person acquitted on such ground to be detained in safe custody             | 374    | Person acquitted on such ground to be detained in safe custody  Modification 1                        |
| 336     | Power of State Government to empower officer-in-charge to discharge        | 375    | Power of State Government to empower officer-in-charge to discharge                                   |
| 337     | Procedure where lunatic prisoner is reported capable of making his defence | 376    | Procedure where prisoner with mental illness is reported capable of making his defence Modification 1 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 338     | Procedure where lunatic detained is declared fit to be released | 377    | Procedure where person with mental illness detained is declared fit to be released Modification 1 |
| 339     | Delivery of lunatic to care of relative or friend               | 378    | Delivery of person with mental liabilities to care of relative or friend Modification 1           |

### CHAPTER XXVIII - PROVISIONS AS TO OFFENCES AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

This section consists of sections from 379 to 391

| Section | Heading                                     | Clause | Heading                                     |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 340     | Procedure in cases mentioned in section 195 | 379    | Procedure in cases mentioned in section 215 |
| 341     | Appeal                                      | 380    | Appeal                                      |
| 342     | Power to order costs                        | 381    | Power to order costs                        |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 343     | Procedure of Magistrate taking cognizance             | 382    | Procedure of Magistrate taking cognizance                            |
| 344     | Summary procedure for trial for giving false evidence | 383    | Summary procedure for trial for giving false evidence Modification 1 |
| 345     | Procedure in certain cases of contempt                | 384    | Procedure in certain cases of contempt  Modification 1               |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 346     | Procedure where Court considers that case should not be dealt with under section 345 | 385    | Procedure where Court considers that case should not be dealt with under section 384 |
| 347     | When Registrar or SubRegistrar to be deemed a Civil Court                            | 386    | When Registrar or SubRegistrar to be deemed a Civil Court                            |
| 348     | Discharge of offender on submission of apology                                       | 387    | Discharge of offender on submission of apology                                       |
| 349     | Imprisonment or committal of person refusing to answer or produce document           | 388    | Imprisonment or committal of person refusing to answer or produce document           |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 350     | Summary procedure for punishment for non-attendance by a witness in obedience to summons    | 389    | Summary procedure for punishment for non-attendance by a witness in obedience to summons    |
| 351     | Appeals from convictions under sections 344, 345, 349 and 350                               | 390    | Appeals from convictions under sections 383, 384, 388 and 389                               |
| 352     | Certain Judges and Magistrates not to try certain offences when committed before themselves | 391    | Certain Judges and Magistrates not to try certain offences when committed before themselves |

### CHAPTER XXIX - THE JUDGMENT

• This section consists of sections from 392 to 406

| Section | Heading                           | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|
| 353     | Judgment                          | 392    | New proviso 1 - 392(4) - Provided that the Court shall, as far as practicable, upload the copy of the judgment on its portal within a period of seven days from the date of judgment.  Modification 1 - 392(1) the judgment in every trial in any Criminal Court of original jurisdiction shall be pronounced in open Court by the presiding officer immediately after the termination of the trial or at some subsequent time not later than sixty days of which notice shall be given to the parties or their advocates,  Modification 2 - 392(5) If the accused is in custody, he shall be brought up to hear the judgment pronounced either in person or through audio-video electronic means. |
| 354     | Language and contents of judgment | 393    | Language and contents of judgment  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 356     | Order for notifying address of previously convicted offender | 394    | Order for notifying address of previously convicted offender Modification 1   |
| 357     | Order to pay compensation                                    | 395    | Order to pay compensation   |
| 357A    | Victim compensation scheme                                   | 396    | Victim compensation scheme  |
| 357C    | Treatment of victims   | 397    | Treatment of victims  Modification 1 - All hospitals, public or private, whether run by the Central Government, the State Government, local bodies or any other person, shall immediately, provide the first-aid or medical treatment, free of cost, to the victims of any offence covered under section 64, section 65, section 66, section 67, section 68, section 70, section 71 or sub-section (1) of section 12 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 or under sections 4,6,8 or section 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences  Act,2012, and shall immediately inform the police of such incident. |

| Section | Heading                                       | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
|         |   | 398    | Witness Protection Scheme  New section added - Every State Government shall  prepare and notify a Witness Protection Scheme for the  State with a view to ensure protection of the witnesses |
| 358     | Compensation to persons groundlessly arrested | 399    | Compensation to persons groundlessly arrested  |
| 359     | Order to pay costs in noncognizable cases     | 400    | Order to pay costs in noncognizable cases  |
|         |   |        |  |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 360     | Order to release on probation of good conduct or after admonition | 401    | Order to release on probation of good conduct or after admonition  Modification 1 – Change made with respect to bond or bail bond  |
| 361     | Special reasons to be recorded in certain cases                   | 402    | Special reasons to be recorded in certain cases  |
| 362     | Court not to alter judgment                                       | 403    | Court not to alter judgment  |
| 363     | Copy of judgment to be given to the accused and other persons     | 404    | Copy of judgment to be given to the accused and other persons  New proviso 1 - 404(5) Provided further that the Court may, on an application made in this behalf by the Prosecuting Officer, provide to the Government, free of cost, a certified copy of such judgment, order, deposition or record |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 364     | Judgment when to be translated   | 405    | Judgment when to be translated<br>Modification 1                             |
| 365     | Court of Session to send copy of finding and sentence to District Magistrate | 406    | Court of Session to send copy of finding and sentence to District Magistrate |

# CHAPTER XXX - SUBMISSION OF DEATH SENTENCES FOR CONFIRMATION

This section consists of sections from 407 to 412

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 366     | Sentence of death to be submitted by Court of Session for confirmation        | 407    | Sentence of death to be submitted by Court of Session for confirmation        |
| 367     | Power to direct further inquiry to be made or additional evidence to be taken | 408    | Power to direct further inquiry to be made or additional evidence to be taken |
| 368     | Power of High Court to confirm sentence or annul conviction                   | 409    | Power of High Court to confirm sentence or annul conviction                   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 369     | Confirmation or new sentence to be signed by two Judges        | 410    | Confirmation or new sentence to be signed by two Judges  |
| 370     | Procedure in case of difference of opinion                     | 411    | Procedure in case of difference of opinion   |
| 371     | Procedure in cases submitted to High<br>Court for confirmation | 412    | Procedure in cases submitted to High Court for confirmation  Modification 1 - In cases submitted by the Court of Session to the High Court for the confirmation of a sentence of death, the proper officer of the High Court shall, without delay, after the order of confirmation or other order has been made by the High Court, send either physically, or through electronic means, a copy of the order, under the seal of the High Court and attested with his official signature, to the Court of Session. |

### CHAPTER XXXI - APPEALS

• This section consists of sections from 413 to 435

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 372     | No appeal to lie unless otherwise provided   | 413    | No appeal to lie unless otherwise provided   |
| 373     | Appeal from orders requiring security or refusal to accept or rejecting surety for keeping peace or good behaviour | 414    | Appeal from orders requiring security or refusal to accept or rejecting surety for keeping peace or good behaviour |
| 374     | Appeals from convictions   | 415    | Appeals from convictions  Modification 1 – Metropolitan Magistrate removed.  |
| 375     | No appeal in certain cases when accused pleads guilty  | 416    | No appeal in certain cases when accused pleads guilty  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 376     | No appeal in petty cases                                 | 417    | No appeal in petty cases  Modification 1                       |
| 377     | Appeal by the State Government against sentence          | 418    | Appeal by the State Government against sentence Modification 1 |
| 378     | Appeal in case of acquittal                              | 419    | Appeal in case of acquittal Modification 1                     |
| 379     | Appeal against conviction by High Court in certain cases | 420    | Appeal against conviction by High Court in certain cases       |

| Section | Heading                                  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 380     | Special right of appeal in certain cases | 421    | Special right of appeal in certain cases  Modification 1                              |
| 381     | Appeal to Court of Session how heard     | 422    | Appeal to Court of Session how heard<br>Modification 1 – Asst Sessions Judge Removed. |
| 382     | Petition of appeal                       | 423    | Petition of appeal  |
| 383     | Procedure when appellant in jail         | 424    | Procedure when appellant in jail  |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 384     | Summary dismissal of appeal                           | 425    | Summary dismissal of appeal                           |
| 385     | Procedure for hearing appeals not dismissed summarily | 426    | Procedure for hearing appeals not dismissed summarily |
| 386     | Powers of the Appellate Court                         | 427    | Powers of the Appellate Court                         |
| 387     | Judgments of subordinate Appellate<br>Court           | 428    | Judgments of Subordinate Appellate Court              |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 388     | Order of High Court on appeal to be certified to lower Court            | 429    | Order of High Court on appeal to be certified to lower Court   |
| 389     | Suspension of sentence pending the appeal; release of appellant on bail | 430    | Suspension of sentence pending the appeal; release of appellant on bail Modification 1 – Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |
| 390     | Arrest of accused in appeal from acquittal                              | 431    | Arrest of accused in appeal from acquittal   |
| 391     | Appellate Court may take further evidence or direct it to be taken      | 432    | Appellate Court may take further evidence or direct it to be taken   |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 392     | Procedure where Judges of Court of Appeal are equally divided | 433    | Procedure where Judges of Court of Appeal are equally divided |
| 393     | Finality of judgments and orders on appeal                    | 434    | Finality of judgments and orders on appeal                    |
| 394     | Abatement of appeals  | 435    | Abatement of appeals  |

### CHAPTER XXXII REFERENCE AND REVISION

• This section consists of sections from 436 to 445

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 395     | Reference to High Court                              | 436    | Reference to High Court<br>Modification1 – Metropolitan magistrate removed.                                       |
| 396     | Disposal of case according to decision of High Court | 437    | Disposal of case according to decision of High Court  |
| 397     | Calling for records to exercise powers of revision   | 438    | Calling for records to exercise powers of revision  Modification1 - Change made with respect to bond or bail bond |
| 398     | Power to order inquiry                               | 439    | Power to order inquiry  |
| 399     | Sessions Judge's powers of revision                  | 440    | Sessions Judge's powers of revision   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 400     | Power of Additional Sessions Judge                         | 441    | Power of Additional Sessions Judge                         |
| 401     | High Court's powers of revision                            | 442    | High Court's powers of revision                            |
| 402     | Power of High Court to withdraw or transfer revision cases | 443    | Power of High Court to withdraw or transfer revision cases |
| 403     | Option of Court to hear parties                            | 444    | Option of Court to hear parties                            |
| 405     | High Court's order to be certified to lower Court          | 445    | High Court's order to be certified to lower Court.         |

# CHAPTER XXXIII - TRANSFER OF CRIMINAL CASES

This section consists of sections from 446 to 452

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 406     | Power of Supreme Court to transfer cases and appeals  | 446    | Power of Supreme Court to transfer cases and appeals                 |
| 407     | Power of High Court to transfer cases and appeals     | 447    | Power of High Court to transfer cases and appeals Modification 2.    |
| 408     | Power of Sessions Judge to transfer cases and appeals | 448    | Power of Sessions Judge to transfer cases and appeals Modification 1 |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 409     | Withdrawal of cases and appeals by<br>Sessions Judges       | 449    | Withdrawal of cases and appeals by Session Judge            |
| 410     | Withdrawal of cases by Judicial<br>Magistrates              | 450    | Withdrawal of cases by Judicial Magistrate                  |
| 411     | Making over or withdrawal of cases by Executive Magistrates | 451    | Making over or withdrawal of cases by Executive Magistrates |
| 412     | Reasons to be recorded                                      | 452    | Reasons to be recorded                                      |

### CHAPTER XXXIV EXECUTION, SUSPENSION, REMISSION AND COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES

• This section consists of sections from 453 to 477

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 413     | Execution of order passed under section 368                                       | 453    | Execution of order passed under section 409                                       |
| 414     | Execution of sentence of death passed by High Court                               | 454    | Execution of sentence of death passed by High Court                               |
| 415     | Postponement of execution of sentence of death in case of appeal to Supreme Court | 455    | Postponement of execution of sentence of death in case of appeal to Supreme Court |
| 416     | Postponement of capital sentence on pregnant woman                                | 456    | Commutation of sentence of death on pregnant woman                                |

| Section | Heading                                | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 417     | Power to appoint place of imprisonment | 457    | Power to appoint place of imprisonment               |
| 418     | Execution of sentence of imprisonment  | 458    | Execution of sentence of imprisonment Modification 1 |
| 419     | Direction of warrant for execution     | 459    | Direction of warrant for execution                   |
| 420     | Warrant with whom to be lodged         | 460    | Warrant with whom to be lodged                       |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 421     | Warrant for levy of fine   | 461    | Warrant for levy of fine  Modification 1  |
| 422     | Effect of such warrant   | 462    | Effect of such warrant  |
| 423     | Warrant for levy of fine issued by a<br>Court in any territory to which this Code<br>does not extend | 463    | Warrant for levy of fine issued by a Court in any territory to which this Sanhita does not extend |
| 424     | Suspension of execution of sentence of imprisonment  | 464    | Suspension of execution of sentence of imprisonment Modification 1                                |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 425     | Who may issue warrant   | 465    | Who may issue warrant   |
| 426     | Sentence on escaped convict when to take effect   | 466    | Sentence on escaped convict when to take effect   |
| 427     | Sentence on offender already sentenced for another offence                                      | 467    | Sentence on offender already sentenced for another offence                                      |
| 428     | Period of detention undergone by the accused to be set off against the sentence of imprisonment | 468    | Period of detention undergone by the accused to be set off against the sentence of imprisonment |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 429     | Saving   | 469    | Saving   |
| 430     | Return of warrant on execution of sentence     | 470    | Return of warrant on execution of sentence               |
| 431     | Money ordered to be paid recoverable as a fine | 471    | Money ordered to be paid recoverable as a fine           |
|         |  | 472    | Mercy Petition in death sentence cases New section added |

## BNSS. S 472 - Mercy petition in death sentence cases.

- 472. (1) A convict under the sentence of death or his legal heir or any other relative may, if he has not already submitted a petition for mercy, file a mercy petition before the President of India under article 72 or the Governor of the State under article 161 of the Constitution within a period of thirty days from the date on which the Superintendent of the jail,—
- (i) informs him about the dismissal of the appeal, review or special leave to appeal by the Supreme Court; or
- (ii) informs him about the date of confirmation of the sentence of death by the High Court and the time allowed to file an appeal or special leave in the Supreme Court has expired.

- (2) The petition under sub-section (1) may, initially be made to the Governor and on its rejection or disposal by the Governor, the petition shall be made to the President within a period of sixty days from the date of rejection or disposal of such petition.
- (3) The Superintendent of the jail or officer in charge of the jail shall ensure, that every convict, in case there are more than one convict in a case, also files the mercy petition within a period of sixty days and on non-receipt of such petition from the other convicts, Superintendent of the jail shall send the names, addresses, copy of the record of the case and all other details of the case to the Central Government or the State Government for consideration along with the said mercy petition.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|---|--------|--|
| 432     | Power to suspend or remit sentences   | 473    | Power to suspend or remit sentences  |
| 433     | Power to commute sentence   | 474    | Power to commute sentence  New sub section added 2 - 474 c- a sentence of imprisonment for seven years or more, for imprisonment for Power to commute sentences a term not less than three years  474(d - a sentence of imprisonment for less than seven years, up to three years, for fine;  Modification 2 |
| 433A    | Restriction on powers of remission or commutation in certain cases                  | 475    | Restriction on powers of remission or commutation in certain cases   |
| 434     | Concurrent power of Central Government in case of death sentences                   | 476    | Concurrent power of Central Government in case of death sentences  |
| 435     | State Government to act after consultation with Central Government in certain cases | 477    | State Government to act after concurrence with Central Government in certain cases  Modification 1   |

### CHAPTER XXXV - PROVISIONS AS TO BAIL AND BONDS

This section consists of sections from 478 to 496

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|--|--------|---|
| 436     | In what cases bail to be taken                                       | 478    | In what cases bail to be taken  |
| 436A    | Maximum period for which an under-<br>trial prisoner can be detained | 479    | Maximum period for which an under-trial prisoner can be detained  New sub clause added 2  Proviso added 1 |
| 437     | When bail may be taken in case of non-bailable offence               | 480    | When bail may be taken in case of non-bailable offence<br>Modification 1                                  |

# BNSS. S. 479 - Maximum period for which under trial prisoner can be detained

 479. (1) Where a person has, during the period of investigation, inquiry or trial under this Sanhita of an offence under any law (not being an offence for which the punishment of death or life imprisonment has been specified as one of the punishments under that law) undergone detention for a period extending up to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment specified for that offence under that law, he shall be released by the Court on bail: ( on his personal bond with or without sureties in CrPC is deleted and modified as underlined)

Provided that where such person is a first-time offender (who has never been convicted of any offence in the past) he shall be released on bond by the Court, if he has undergone detention for the period extending up to one-third of the maximum period of imprisonment specified for such offence under that law: (New proviso added)

Provided further that the Court may, after hearing the Public Prosecutor and for reasons to be recorded by it in writing, order the continued detention of such person for a period longer than one-half of the said period or release him on bail bond instead of his bond:

Provided also that no such person shall in any case be detained during the period of investigation, inquiry or trial for more than the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the said offence under that law.

 Explanation.—In computing the period of detention under this section for granting bail, the period of detention passed due to delay in proceeding caused by the accused shall be excluded

# BNSS. S. 480 – When bail may be taken in case of non-bailable offence.

• 480(1) Proviso 3 - Provided also that the mere fact that an accused person may be required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for police custody beyond the first fifteen days shall not be sufficient ground for refusing to grant bail if he is otherwise entitled to be released on bail and gives an undertaking that he shall comply with such directions as may be given by the Court:

Underlined portion modified.

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 437A    | Bail to require accused to appear before next Appellate Court   | 481    | Bail to require accused to appear before next appellate Court  Modification – 1( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 438     | Direction for grant of bail to person apprehending arrest       | 482    | Direction for grant of bail to person apprehending arrest   |
| 439     | Special powers of High Court or Court of Session regarding bail | 483    | Special powers of High Court or Court of Session regarding bail   |
| 440     | Amount of bond and reduction thereof                            | 484    | Amount of bond and reduction thereof  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 441     | Bond of accused and sureties   | 485    | Bond of accused and sureties  Modification – 3( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 441A    | Declaration by sureties  | 486    | Declaration by sureties  |
| 442     | Discharge from custody   | 487    | Discharge from custody  Modification – 1( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond)       |
| 443     | Power to order sufficient bail when that first taken is insufficient | 488    | Power to order sufficient bail when that first taken is insufficient                           |

| Section | Heading                                | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 444     | Discharge of sureties                  | 489    | Discharge of sureties  |
| 445     | Deposit instead of recognizance        | 490    | Deposit instead of recognizance  Modification – 1( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond)    |
| 446     | Procedure when bond has been forfeited | 491    | Procedure when bond has been forfeited   |
| 446A    | Cancellation of bond and bailbond      | 492    | Cancellation of bond and bail bond  Modification – 1( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 447     | Procedure in case of insolvency or death of surety or when a bond is forfeited | 493    | Procedure in case of insolvency of death of surety or when a bond is forfeited  Modification – 1( Change made with respect to bond or bail bond) |
| 448     | Bond required from minor   | 494    | Bond required from minor  Modification – 1( Minor replaced with child)   |
| 449     | Appeal from orders under section 446   | 495    | Appeal from orders under section 491   |
| 450     | Power to direct levy of amount due on certain recognizances                    | 496    | Power to direct levy of amount due on certain recognizances  |

### CHAPTER XXXVI - DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

• This chapter contains sections 497 to 505

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 451     | Order for custody and disposal of property pending trial in certain cases | 497    | Order for custody and disposal of property pending trial in certain cases  New sub sections added – 4  Modification 1 |
| 452     | Order for disposal of property at conclusion of trial                     | 498    | Order for disposal of property at conclusion of trial   |
| 453     | Payment to innocent purchaser of money found on accused                   | 499    | Payment to innocent purchaser of money found on accused   |
| 454     | Appeal against orders under section 452 or section 453                    | 500    | Appeal against orders under section 500 or section 501  |

# BNSS.S. 497- Order for custody and disposal of property pending trial in certain cases.

- 497. (1) When any property is produced before any Criminal Court or the Magistrate empowered to take cognizance or commit the case for trial during any investigation, inquiry or trial, the Court or the Magistrate may make such order as it thinks fit for the proper custody of such property pending the conclusion of the investigation, inquiry or trial, and, if the property is subject to speedy and natural decay, or if it is otherwise expedient so to do, the Court or the Magistrate may, after recording such evidence as it thinks necessary, order it to be sold or otherwise disposed of. (Underlined portion modified)
- Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, "property" includes—
- (a) property of any kind or document which is produced before the Court or which is in its custody;
- (b) any property regarding which an offence appears to have been committed or which appears to have been used for the commission of any offence.

- (2) The Court or the Magistrate shall, within a period of fourteen days from the production of the property referred to in sub-section (1) before it, prepare a statement of such property containing its description in such form and manner as the State Government may, by rules, provide. (new sub section added)
- (3) The Court or the Magistrate shall cause to be taken the photograph and if necessary, videograph on mobile phone or any electronic media, of the property referred to in sub-section (1). (new sub section added)
- (4) The statement prepared under sub-section (2) and the photograph or the videography taken under sub-section (3) shall be used as evidence in any inquiry, trial or other proceeding under the Sanhita. (new sub section added)
- (5) The Court or the Magistrate shall, within a period of thirty days after the statement has been prepared under sub-section (2) and the photograph or the videography has been taken under sub-section (3), order the disposal, destruction, confiscation or delivery of the property in the manner specified hereinafter (new sub section added)

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |  |
|---------|---|--------|---|--|
| 455     | Destruction of libellous and other matter             | 501    | Destruction of libellous and other matter   |  |
| 456     | Power to restore possession of immovable property     | 502    | Power to restore possession of immovable property   |  |
| 457     | Procedure by police upon seizure of property          | 503    | Procedure by police upon seizure of property  |  |
| 458     | Procedure where no claimant appears within six months | 504    | Procedure where no claimant appears within six months   |  |
| 459     | Power to sell perishable property                     | 505    | Power to sell perishable property  Modification 1 ( the value is modified from less than "500 Rs in CrPC" to less than " ten thousand rupess" in BNSS |  |

## CHAPTER XXXVII - IRREGULAR PROCEEDINGS

• This chapter contains sections 506 to 512

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 460     | Irregularities which do not vitiate proceedings | 506    | Irregularities which do not vitiate proceedings   |
| 461     | Irregularities which vitiate proceedings        | 507    | Irregularities which vitiate proceedings  Modification 1( Reference to telegraph deleted) |
| 462     | Proceedings in wrong place                      | 508    | Proceedings in wrong place  |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 463     | Non-compliance with provisions of section 164 or section 281                     | 509    | Non-compliance with provisions of section 183 or section 316                     |
| 464     | Effect of omission to frame, or absence of, or error in, charge                  | 510    | Effect of omission to frame, or absence of, or error in, charge                  |
| 465     | Finding or sentence when reversible by reason of error, omission or irregularity | 511    | Finding or sentence when reversible by reason of error, omission or irregularity |
| 466     | Defect or error not to make attachment unlawful                                  | 512    | Defect or error not to make attachment unlawful                                  |

## CHAPTER XXXVIII - LIMITATION FOR TAKING COGNIZANCE OF CERTAIN OFFENCES

This chapter contains sections 513 to 519

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| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 467     | Definitions  | 513    | Definitions  |
| 468     | Bar to taking cognizance after lapse of the period of limitation | 514    | Bar to taking cognizance after lapse of the period of limitation  New explanation added 1For the purpose of computing the period of limitation, the relevant date shall be the date of filing complaint under section 223 or the date of recording of information under section 173. |
| 469     | Commencement of the period of limitation                         | 515    | Commencement of the period of limitation   |
| 470     | Exclusion of time in certain cases                               | 516    | Exclusion of time in certain cases   |

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| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 471     | Exclusion of date on which Court is closed         | 517    | Exclusion of date on which Court is closed         |
| 472     | Continuing offence                                 | 518    | Continuing offence                                 |
| 473     | Extension of period of limitation in certain cases | 519    | Extension of period of limitation in certain cases |

## CHAPTER XXXIX - MISCELLANEOUS

This chapter contains sections 520 to 531

| Sect | tion | Heading  | Clause | Heading   |
|------|------|--|--------|---|
| 47   | 74   | Trials before High Courts  | 520    | Trials before High Courts   |
| 47   | 75   | Delivery to commanding officers of persons liable to be tried by Courtmartial  | 521    | Delivery to commanding officers of persons liable to be tried by Courtmartial |
| 47   | 76   | Forms  | 522    | Forms   |
| 47   | 77   | Power of High Court to make rules  | 523    | Power of High Court to make rules   |
| 47   | 78   | Power to alter functions allotted to<br>Executive Magistrates in certain cases | 524    | Power to alter functions allocated to Executive Magistrate in certain cases   |

| Section | Heading  | Clause | Heading  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 479     | Cases in which Judge or Magistrate is personally interested          | 525    | Case in which Judge or Magistrate is personally interested           |
| 480     | Practising pleader not to sit as<br>Magistrate in certain Courts     | 526    | Practicing advocate not to sit as Magistrate in certain Courts       |
| 481     | Public servant concerned in sale not to purchase or bid for property | 527    | Public servant concerned in sale not to purchase or bid for property |
| 482     | Saving of inherent powers of High Court                              | 528    | Saving of inherent powers of High Court                              |

| Section | Heading   | Clause | Heading   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| 483     | Duty of High Court to exercise continuous superintendence over Courts of Judicial Magistrates | 529    | Duty of High Court to exercise continuous superintendence over Courts     |
| 484     | Repeal and savings  | 530    | Trial and proceedings to be held in electronic mode.  New section added 1 |
|         |   | 531    | Repeal and Savings  |
|         |   |        | 26  |

## BNSS. S. 530 - Trial and proceedings to be held in electronic mode.

- 530. All trials, inquires and proceedings under this Sanhita, including—
- (i) issuance, service and execution of summons and warrant;
- (ii) examination of complainant and witnesses;
- (iii) recording of evidence in inquiries and trials; and
- (iv) all appellate proceedings or any other proceeding,

may be held in electronic mode, by use of electronic communication or use of audio-video electronic means (new section added)

# Specific timelines- BNSS (objectives and challenges)

- For speedy justice as a primary goal.
- Introduction of new timelines for various stages of criminal procedure.
- Introduction of timelines would also require development of institutional capacity of various organs in the CJS.

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS   |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
|        | Initiation of criminal proceeding  |                    |   |  |  |  |
| 1      | Procedure for recording an FIR if information relating to the commission of a cognizable offence is received by the police through electronic communication (Clause 173(I)(ii) BNSS) | No time prescribed | FIR to be taken on record if informant signs it within 3 days |  |  |  |
| 2      | Preliminary enquiry to ascertain prima facie case of commission of cognizable offence punishable between a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 7 years (Clause 173(3) BNSS)          | No time prescribed | Preliminary enquiry to<br>be conducted within 14<br>days      |  |  |  |
| 3      | Police to forward daily diary reports in non-cognizable cases to the Magistrate [Clause 174(1)(ii) BNSS)   | No time prescribed | Once in 14 days   |  |  |  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight   | In CrPC                      | In BNSS  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|        | Investigation   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 1      | Forward of inquest report the District Magistrate or Subdivisional Magistrate   | Shall be forthwith forwarded | Shall be forwarded within 24 hours                         |  |  |  |
| 2      | Medical practitioner to forward the medical examination report to the Police [Clause 51(3) BNSS)  | No time prescribed           | Without any delay  |  |  |  |
| 3      | Forward of medical examination report (of a victim of rape) by a medical practitioner to the investigating officer (Clause 184(6) BNSS) | Without delay                | Within 7 davs  |  |  |  |
| 4      | Copy of search records to be forwarded to the nearest Magistrate empowered to take cognizance of the offence (Clause 185(5) BNSS)       | Shall forthwith be sent      | Shall forthwith be sent,<br>but not later than 48<br>hours |  |  |  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS        |
|--------|--|--------------------|----------------|
|        | Investigat   | ion                |                |
| 5      | Audio video recording of search and seizure procedure to be forwarded by the police officer to the District Magistrate, Subdivisional Magistrate or judicial Magistrate of first class (Clause 105 BNSS) | No time prescribed | Without delay  |
| 6      | Distribution of proceeds of crime, from attached or seized property, by the District Magistrate [Clause 107(7) BNSS)   | No time prescribed | 60 days        |
| 7      | Information on status of investigation to victims/informant (Clause 193(3)(ii)BNSS)  | No time prescribed | Within 90 days |

| SI No.      | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Chargesheet |  |                    |  |  |  |  |
| 1           | Further investigation during trial (post filing of chargesheet), on grant of permission from the trial court [Clause 193(9) BNSS)                    | No time prescribed | Further investigation to<br>be completed within 90<br>days, but may be<br>extended with the<br>permission of the Court |  |  |  |
|             | Commencement of proceedings before Magistrate  |                    |  |  |  |  |
| 1           | Magistrate to supply copies of police report, FIR, and other case documents to the accused and victim (if represented by a lawyer) (Clause 230 BNSS) | No time prescribed | 14 days within date of production or appearance of accused   |  |  |  |

| SI No.          | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS  |  |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
|                 | Cognizar   | nce                |  |  |
| 1               | Proceedings undertaken by the Magistrate to commit cases to the Sessions Court, where the offences are exclusively triable by the Sessions Court (Clause 232 BNSS) | No time prescribed | Committal proceedings<br>to be completed within<br>90 days, extendable up<br>to 180 days for reasons<br>in writing |  |
| Plea Bargaining |  |                    |  |  |
| 1               | Procedure for application for plea bargaining by the accused, in court where trial for said offence is pending (Clause 290(1) BNSS]                                | No time prescribed | Within 30 days from the date of framing of charge  |  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS  |  |  |
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|        | Charge   |                    |  |  |  |
| 1      | Framing of charges by the Magistrate (for offences the Magistrate is competent to try and punish) [Clause 263(1) BNSS)   | No time prescribed | Within 60 days from first hearing on charge                    |  |  |
| 2      | Procedure for an accused to file application for discharge (in cases triable by a Sessions Court) [Clause 250(1) BNSS)   | No time prescribed | Within 60 days from committal                                  |  |  |
| 3      | Procedure for discharge by Magistrate in case of absence of complainant on date fixed for hearing in a complaint case, for offences that are non-cognizable and compoundable (Clause 272 BNSS) | No time prescribed | Granting 30 days opportunity to complainant to appear in court |  |  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS   |
|--------|--|--------------------|---|
|        | Trial  |                    |   |
| 1      | Procedure for admission and denial of genuineness of documents by the defence and prosecution (Clause 330 (1) BNSS)              | No time prescribed | Soon after supply of documents, and no later than 30 days, unless the Court relaxes the time limit with written reasons |
| 2      | Procedure for examination of the accused in custody, through electronic means, by Magistrate or Sessions Court [Clause 316 BNSS) | No time prescribed | Signature of the accused to be taken within 72 hours of such examination  |
| 3      | Commencement of in absentia trial against proclaimed offenders by a court (Clause 356(1) BNSS)                                   | No time prescribed | 90 days from the framing of charge  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC            | In BNSS   |
|--------|--|--------------------|---|
|        | Trial  |                    |   |
| 4      | Issuance of two consecutive arrest warrants by a court against proclaimed offenders, before commencing in absentia trials (clause 356(2)(i) BNSS)  | No time prescribed | Execution of 2 consecutive arrest warrants within the interval of 30 days |
| 5      | Publication of notice to proclaimed offender to appear before court, in a newspaper (Clause 356(2)(ii) BNSS)   | No time prescribed | Notice period of 30 days  |
| 6      | Procedure for custody or disposal of property produced before a Court/Magistrate during investigation, inquiry or trial. The Court is bound to prepare a statement of property produced before it [Clause 497(2) BNSS) | No time prescribed | Within 14 days of production of property before the court                 |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC                    | In BNSS   |
|--------|--|----------------------------|---|
|        | Bail   |                            |   |
| 1      | Maximum period in which an accused can be placed in under trial detention before the applicability of default bail (exclusive of cases punishable with death and life imprisonment) [Clause 479(1) BNSS) | 1/2 of the sentence period | 1/3 of the sentence period for first time offenders and 1/2 of the sentence period in all other cases |

| SI No. | Provision highlight  | In CrPC  | In BNSS   |  |  |
|--------|--|--|---|--|--|
|        | Judgment and sentence  |  |   |  |  |
| 1      | Pronouncement of judgment after termination of trial in any criminal court (Clause 392 (1) BNSS) | Immediately after<br>the termination of<br>trial or at some<br>subsequent time | Not later than 45 days  |  |  |
| 2      | Judgment of acquittal or conviction by Court of Sessions (Clause 258(1) BNSS)                    | No time prescribed   | 30 days from the completion of arguments. Extendable up to 45 days for reasons in writing |  |  |
| 3      | Court to upload a digital copy of the judgment [Clause 392(4) BNSS)                              | No time prescribed   | 7 days from pronouncement, as far as practicable  |  |  |

| SI No. | Provision highlight   |                       | In CrPC                         | In BNSS  |  |
|--------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
|        | Mercy petitions   |                       |                                 |  |  |
| 1      | Filing of mercy petition before Governor or President by person under a sentence of death [Clause 472(1) BNSS)  | No time<br>prescribed | about (1) dism<br>High Court co | ntimation by the Superintendent of fail issal of appeal by Supreme Court; or (2) onfirmation and expiry of limitation for appeal of death sentence |  |
| 2      | Filing of mercy petition to the President by a person under sentence of death post the rejection of their petition by the Governor [Clause 472(2) BNSS]           | No time prescribed    | 60 days fro                     | m the date of rejection by Governor  |  |
| 3      | Central Government to make recommendations on the mercy petition to the President (Clause 472(4) BNSS]  | No time prescribed    | •                               | from date of receipt of comments from overnment and records from the Jail Superintendent   |  |
| 4      | Central Government to communicate the President's order on the mercy petition to Home Department of the State and Superintendent of the jail (Clause 472(6) BNSS] | No time<br>prescribed | Within 48 ho                    | urs of receipt of order of the President<br>276  |  |

## Community Service (Objectives and Sections)

- For the first time in India, it is proposed as a mode of punishment for offences which are petty in nature - (BNS Sec.4 & BNSS Sec.23)
- An alternative to custodial punishment
- To involve the performance of unpaid work during leisure time and for the good of the community. (<u>Table</u>)

## **Provisions where Community Service has been Introduced as punishment**

| SL No. | Provision   | BNS Section      |
|--------|---|------------------|
| 1      | Public servant unlawfully engaging in trade.                                    | S.202            |
| 2      | Non-appearance in response to a proclamation under section 84 of BNSS.          | S.209            |
| 3      | Attempt to commit suicide to compel or restraint exercise of lawful power.      | S.226            |
| 4      | Theft where the value of the stolen property is less than five thousand rupees. | S.303(2) Proviso |
| 5      | Misconduct in public by a drunken person.                                       | S. 355           |
| 6      | Defamation  | S.356(2)         |





# Thank you.

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