

# Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: LLB Important Provisions Chart

*Section-wise revision table with topic name, importance and memory notes*

This PDF is arranged like the Companies Act revision chart shown in your example: short sectional blocks, a four-column table, and memory cues. It is prepared for LLB study from the uploaded Law of Crimes companion and cross-checked with the official BNS text available on India Code.

How to revise: First read the section number and topic. Then remember the mental element and core ingredient. Finally check exceptions and punishment. Do not memorise mechanically; connect every offence with its act, mind, result and defence.

Revision Signal	Meaning
<b>Base sections</b>	Definitions, general explanations and punishment clauses that appear in many answers.
<b>Distinction sections</b>	Preparation/attempt, culpable homicide/murder, restraint/confinement, theft/extortion, assault/criminal force.
<b>Problem sections</b>	Private defence, general exceptions, abetment, conspiracy, homicide, rape, dowry death, cheating, breach of trust.
<b>New BNS focus</b>	Community service, organised crime, petty organised crime, terrorist act and computer-resource territorial reach.

## I. Preliminary, General Explanations and Punishments (Sections 1-13)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
1	Short title, commencement and application	<i>Territorial reach</i>	Extends to India; also covers Indian citizens outside India, Indian registered ships/aircraft, and offences targeting computer resources in India. Memory: place + person + platform.
2	Definitions	<i>Vocabulary base</i>	Know repeated expressions: act, omission, dishonestly, fraudulently, good faith, injury, movable property, offence, reason to believe, public servant, valuable security.
3	General explanations	<i>Interpretation key</i>	Words importing male include female; singular includes plural where context permits; acts include illegal omissions unless context differs. Use it to connect actus reus with omission liability.
4	Punishments	<i>Sentencing base</i>	Six punishments: death, imprisonment for life, imprisonment - rigorous/simple, forfeiture of property, fine, and community service. New memory point: community service is expressly added.
5-13	Commutation, fine, default sentence, solitary confinement and enhanced punishment	<i>Often ignored but useful</i>	Covers commutation, fractions of punishment, fine/default imprisonment, limits on cumulative punishment, solitary confinement, and enhanced punishment after previous conviction.

## II. General Exceptions and Right of Private Defence (Sections 14-44)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
14	Mistake of fact by person bound by law	<i>Classic defence</i>	Good-faith mistake of fact may excuse; mistake of law does not. Memory: fact can excuse, law usually cannot.
18	Accident in lawful act	<i>No blame without fault</i>	Accident is protected only when act is lawful, done by lawful means, with proper care and caution. Example hook: lawful act + due care.
19	Necessity to prevent other harm	<i>Choice of lesser evil</i>	Acts likely to cause harm may be protected if done without criminal intention and in good faith to prevent greater harm.
20-21	Infancy	<i>Capacity defence</i>	Below 7 years: absolute immunity. Above 7 and below 12: immunity if insufficient maturity of understanding.
22	Unsoundness of mind	<i>Mental incapacity</i>	At the time of act, accused must be incapable of knowing nature of act or that it is wrong/contrary to law.
23-24	Intoxication	<i>Limited excuse</i>	Involuntary intoxication may excuse if it destroys required knowledge. Voluntary intoxication generally does not remove liability.
25-33	Consent, good faith, threats, trifles	<i>Practical exceptions</i>	Important for medical treatment, sports, rescue, communications in good faith, acts under threat, and slight harm. Always check limits where death/grievous harm is involved.
34-35	Things done in private defence; right of defence of body/property	<i>High-frequency doctrine</i>	Every person may defend own body/property and body/property of others. Defence is protective, not revenge.
37	Restrictions on private defence	<i>Boundary rule</i>	No more harm than necessary; no right where there is time to seek public authority; special rules for public servants acting in good faith.

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
38-44	When private defence extends to causing death; commencement and continuance	Long-answer favorite	Body: reasonable apprehension of death, grievous hurt, rape, kidnapping, wrongful confinement, acid attack etc. Property: grave situations such as robbery and certain house-trespass/mischief cases. Memory: reasonable apprehension + necessity + proportionality.

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### III. Abetment, Criminal Conspiracy and Attempt (Sections 45-62)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
45	Abetment of a thing	Secondary liability	Three modes: instigation, conspiracy with act/omission in pursuance, and intentional aid. Do not write mere presence as abetment unless encouragement/aid is proved.
46-60	Rules of abetment and concealment of design	Problem-question toolkit	Deals with abetment when act differs, when abettor is present, and punishment for concealment of designs to commit serious offences. Use for indirect participation facts.
61	Criminal conspiracy	Agreement is the gist	Two or more persons agree to do an illegal act or legal act by illegal means. If agreement is to commit an offence, the agreement itself is central. Distinguish from common intention and abetment by conspiracy.
62	Attempt <i>Abhayarand</i>	Preparation vs attempt	General attempt provision where no specific attempt section exists. Requires act towards commission. Punishment may extend to half of the longest imprisonment/life term applicable. Memory: intention + direct movement.

### IV. Offences Against Women, Children and Marriage (Sections 63-99)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
63 <i>6+3=9</i> <i>63</i>	Rape - definition and consent	Major long answer	Penetrative sexual acts under seven circumstances. Consent means unequivocal voluntary agreement communicated by words/gestures/verbal or non-verbal communication. Absence of resistance is not consent.
64-66	Punishment and aggravated consequences of rape	Punishment core	Section 64 gives basic and aggravated punishment. Section 65 deals with rape of woman under 16/12. Section 66 covers causing death or persistent vegetative state.
67-70	Separated wife, authority, deceitful means, gang rape	Aggravated sexual offences	Covers intercourse by husband during separation, sexual intercourse by person in authority, intercourse by deceitful means or promise to marry without intention, and gang rape.
74-79	Criminal force/assault to woman, sexual harassment, voyeurism, stalking, insult to modesty	Women safety cluster	Remember sequence: outraging modesty, sexual harassment, disrobing, voyeurism, stalking, words/acts insulting modesty.

*77 = voyeurism*  
*78 = stalking.*

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
80 <i>4+4=80 D+D=Dowry Death</i>	Dowry death	Presumption-linked offence	Death by burns/bodily injury or otherwise than normal within 7 years of marriage, with cruelty/harassment soon before death for dowry. Memory: 7 years + soon before + dowry cruelty.
81	Cohabitation caused by deceitful belief of lawful marriage	Marriage deception	Punishes deceit causing a woman to believe she is lawfully married and to cohabit/sexual intercourse under that belief.
82-87	Bigamy, fraudulent marriage, enticing/taking married woman, cruelty by husband/relatives	Marriage offences	Key for family-criminal overlap. Section 85 cruelty is important: cruelty by husband or relatives, often read with dowry/domestic violence facts.
88-99	Miscarriage, child exposure, concealment of birth and related offences	Women/child protection	Covers causing miscarriage, death from act causing miscarriage, acts against unborn child, exposure of child, concealment of birth and related harms.

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## V. Offences Affecting Human Body (Sections 100-146)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
✓ 100	<u>Culpable homicide</u>	Genus	Causing death with intention to cause death, intention to cause bodily injury likely to cause death, or knowledge that act is likely to cause death.
✓ 101	<u>Murder</u>	Gravest species	Culpable homicide becomes murder when higher degree of intention/knowledge exists, including bodily injury sufficient in ordinary course of nature to cause death.
103	Punishment for murder	Capital sentencing point	Punishment: death or imprisonment for life and fine. Mention Bachan Singh rarest-of-rare principle when discussing death penalty.
<u>105</u>	<u>Culpable homicide not amounting to murder</u>	Exception/punishment link	Use when murder exceptions apply or mental degree is lower. Always analyse Section 101 first, then exceptions, then Section 105.
106	Causing death by negligence	Rash/negligent death	No intention to kill. Covers rash/negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide; special note for registered medical practitioners and hit-and-run reporting clause.
107-108 <i>sos call 108 ↗</i>	Abetment of suicide	Causation + instigation	Section 107 aggravated for child/unsound mind etc.; Section 108 general abetment of suicide. Mere harassment is insufficient unless instigation/aid/proximate conduct is proved.
109-110	Attempt to murder; attempt to commit culpable homicide	Attempt specifics	Specific provisions for attempted homicide. Use these before the general attempt section where facts involve attempted killing.
111-113	Organised crime, petty organised crime and terrorist act	New BNS additions	Modern crime cluster. Focus on continuing unlawful activity/syndicate/material benefit; gang-based petty organised crime; terrorist acts affecting unity, integrity, security, sovereignty or public order.

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
114-125	Hurt, grievous hurt, acid attack and aggravated hurt	Bodily injury grading	Hurt = bodily pain/disease/infirmity. Grievous hurt has eight statutory categories. Dangerous weapons, acid, extortion/confession/public servant contexts aggravate liability.
126-127	Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	Liberty of movement	Restraint = partial obstruction in a direction. Confinement = restraint within circumscribed limits. Memory: path blocked vs locked room.
128-136	Force, criminal force and assault	Contact vs apprehension	Force is physical effect; criminal force is intentional force without consent to cause injury/fear/annoyance or commit offence; assault is gesture/preparation causing apprehension of criminal force.
137-146	Kidnapping, abduction, trafficking, slavery and forced labour	Movement/exploitation cluster	Kidnapping: from India or lawful guardianship. Abduction: force/deceitful means. Trafficking, exploitation, slavery and forced labour are highly important modern topics.

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## VI. Offences Against State, Public Tranquillity, Public Servants, Justice, Health & Religion

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
147-158	Offences against the State	State security	Includes waging war, collecting arms, concealing design, assaulting high constitutional authorities, sovereignty/unity/integrity, and harbouring offenders. Section 152 is notable after deletion of sedition under old IPC mapping.
152	Acts endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India	Current affairs + criminal law	Punishes acts exciting secession, armed rebellion, subversive activities, separatist feelings or endangering sovereignty/unity/integrity. Do not casually call it sedition; analyse statutory words.
189-197	Unlawful assembly, rioting, affray and public tranquillity	Group liability	Unlawful assembly depends on common object. Rioting adds force/violence. Affray is fighting in public disturbing public peace. Very important for group offences.
198-205	Offences by or relating to public servants	Institutional integrity	Covers public servant disobeying law, framing incorrect documents, unlawful buying/bidding, personating public servant and related misconduct.
206-226	Contempt of lawful authority of public servants	Process compliance	Summons, orders, documents, absconding, non-attendance and obstruction of public servants. Useful for court process and administration of justice questions.
227-269	False evidence and offences against public justice <i>234 = false certificate</i>	Courtroom truth cluster	False evidence, fabricating evidence, false charge, harbouring, screening offender, resistance to arrest, escape, and public justice offences. Remember: perjury analysis begins with false evidence/fabrication sections.
270-297	Public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals	Regulatory/public order	Covers negligent spread of disease, adulteration, rash driving/navigation, public nuisance, obscenity, lottery offices, and public safety offences. Mostly short-note material.
298-302	Offences relating to religion	Religious harmony	Damaging places of worship, disturbing religious assembly, trespass on burial places, deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings.

## VII. Offences Against Property, Documents, Intimidation and Defamation (Sections 303-358)

SECTION	TOPIC NAME	IMPORTANCE	KEY PROVISIONS & MEMORY NOTES
303-307	<b>Theft and aggravated theft</b>	<i>Property basics</i>	Theft requires dishonest intention, movable property, possession of another, without consent, and moving the property. Section 305/306 cover aggravated contexts.
308	<b>Extortion</b>	<i>Consent by fear</i>	Intentional putting any person in fear of injury and thereby dishonestly inducing delivery of property/valuable security. Memory: theft = without consent; extortion = consent obtained by fear.
309-313	<b>Robbery and dacoity</b>	<i>Violence + property</i>	Robbery is aggravated theft/extortion with immediate violence/fear. Dacoity requires five or more persons conjointly committing/attempting robbery.
314-316	<b>Criminal misappropriation and criminal breach of trust</b>	<i>Entrustment trap</i>	Misappropriation = dishonest conversion/misuse. Criminal breach of trust requires entrustment or dominion over property plus dishonest misappropriation/use/disposal in violation of law/contract.
317	<b>Receiving stolen property</b>	<i>Post-offence liability</i>	Knowingly or having reason to believe property is stolen. Mental element is central.
318-319	<b>Cheating and cheating by personation</b>	<i>Deception offence</i>	Cheating requires deception and dishonest/fraudulent inducement or intentional inducement causing damage/harm. Personation: pretending to be another or substituting one person for another.
320-334	<b>Fraudulent deeds, mischief and criminal trespass</b>	<i>Property documents + possession</i>	Includes fraudulent transfer/removal of property, mischief causing wrongful loss/damage, house-trespass, lurking house-trespass and house-breaking.
335-350	<b>Documents, forged documents and property marks</b>	<i>Document offences</i>	False document/electronic record, forgery, forged valuable security/will, using forged document, falsification of accounts and property mark offences. Digital/electronic records matter.
351-355	<b>Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance</b>	<i>Threat cluster</i>	Criminal intimidation: threat of injury to person/reputation/property with intent to cause alarm or compel/omit act. Sections also cover intentional insult and statements conducing to public mischief.
356	<b><u>Defamation</u></b>	<i>Reputation vs free speech</i>	Imputation by words/signs/visible representations intending/knowing/reason to believe it will harm reputation. Always discuss exceptions: truth for public good, fair comment, court reports, authority complaints, protection of interest.
357-358	<b>Breach of contract to attend helpless person; repeal and savings</b>	<i>Closing provisions</i>	Section 357 protects helpless persons dependent on contractual attendance/supply. Section 358 repeals IPC but saves prior liabilities/proceedings as legally provided.

## Final One-Page Memory Grid

Cluster	Sections	Use in Answer	Fast Memory Hook
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>1-13</b>	Use in every theoretical answer on crime, mens rea, punishment, extra-territoriality.	<i>Application + definitions + punishment.</i>
<b>Exceptions</b>	<b>14-44</b>	Use in problem questions: accident, mistake, infancy, unsoundness, intoxication, consent, private defence.	<i>Justification/excuse removes criminality.</i>
<b>Participation</b>	<b>45-62</b>	Abetment, conspiracy and attempt questions.	<i>Instigate, agree, aid, attempt.</i>
<b>Women/children</b>	<b>63-99</b>	Rape, sexual harassment, dowry death, cruelty, marriage offences, miscarriage.	<i>Consent + protection + aggravation.</i>
<b>Human body</b>	<b>100-146</b>	Homicide, murder, negligence, suicide, organised crime, hurt, restraint, force, kidnapping, trafficking.	<i>Life + body + liberty.</i>
<b>State/public order</b>	<b>147-302</b>	State, public tranquillity, public servants, public justice, health, religion.	<i>Public order and institutional authority.</i>
<b>Property/documents/reputation</b>	<b>303-358</b>	Theft, extortion, robbery, breach of trust, cheating, forgery, intimidation, defamation.	<i>Property + documents + reputation.</i>

Source note: Prepared using the uploaded Law of Crimes - Semester II Companion, especially its BNS mapping, exam signals and revision grid, and cross-checked with the official India Code text of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. This is a study chart, not a substitute for reading the bare Act before final writing.