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THE FUGITIVE ECONOMIC OFFENDERS ORDINANCE, 2018

NO. 1 OF 2018

Promulgated by the President in the Sixty-ninth Year of the
Republic of India.

An Ordinance to provide for measures to deter fugitive economic offenders from evading the process of law in India by staying outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts, to preserve the sanctity of the rule of law in India and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 was introduced on the 12th day of March, 2018 in the House of the People;

AND WHEREAS the said Bill could not be taken up for consideration and passing in the House of the People;

AND WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance, 2018.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Administrator” means an Administrator appointed under sub-section (1) of section 15;

(b) “benami property” and “benami transaction” shall have the same meanings as assigned to them under clauses (8) and (9) respectively of section 2 of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988;

(c) “contracting State” means any country or place outside India in respect of which arrangements have been made by the Central Government with the Government of such country through a treaty or otherwise;

(d) “Deputy Director” means the Deputy Director appointed under sub-section (1) of section 49 of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002;

(e) “Director” means the Director appointed under sub-section (1) of section 49 of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002;

(f) “fugitive economic offender” means any individual against whom a warrant for arrest in relation to a Scheduled Offence has been issued by any Court in India, who—

(i) has left India so as to avoid criminal prosecution; or

(ii) being abroad, refuses to return to India to face criminal prosecution;

Short title, extent
and com-
mencement.

45 of 1988.

15 of 2003.

15 of 2003.

Definitions

18 of 2013.

(g) “key managerial personnel” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (51) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013;

(h) “notification” means a notification published in the Official Gazette and the expression “notify” shall be construed accordingly;

(i) “person” includes—

(i) an individual;

(ii) a Hindu Undivided Family;

(iii) a company;

(iv) a trust;

(v) a partnership;

(vi) a limited liability partnership;

(vii) an association of persons or a body of individuals, whether incorporated or not;

(viii) every artificial juridical person not falling within any of the preceding sub-clauses; and

(ix) any agency, office or branch owned or controlled by any of the above persons mentioned in the preceding sub-clauses;

(j) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(k) “proceeds of crime” means any property derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, by any person as a result of criminal activity relating to a Scheduled Offence, or the value of any such property, or where such property is taken or held outside the country, then the property equivalent in value held within the country or abroad;

(l) “Schedule” means the Schedule appended to this Act;

(m) “Scheduled Offence” means an offence specified in the Schedule, if the total value involved in such offence or offences is one hundred crore rupees or more;

15 of 2003.

(n) “Special Court” means a Court of Session designated as a Special Court under sub-section (1) of section 43 of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002.

15 of 2003.

(2) The words and expressions used and not defined in this Ordinance but defined in the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in that Act.

3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to any individual who is, or becomes, a fugitive economic offender on or after the date of coming into force of this Ordinance.

Application of Ordinance.

CHAPTER II

DECLARATION OF FUGITIVE ECONOMIC OFFENDERS AND CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

4. (1) Where the Director or any other officer not below the rank of Deputy Director authorised by the Director for the purposes of this section, has reason to believe (the reasons for such belief to be recorded in writing), on the basis of material in his possession, that any individual is a fugitive economic offender, he may file an application in such form and manner as may be prescribed in the Special Court that such individual may be declared as a fugitive economic offender.

Application for declaration of fugitive economic offender and procedure therefor.

(2) The application referred to in sub-section (1) shall contain—

(a) reasons for the belief that an individual is a fugitive economic offender;

(b) any information available as to the whereabouts of the fugitive economic offender;

(c) a list of properties or the value of such properties believed to be the proceeds of crime, including any such property outside India for which confiscation is sought;

(d) a list of properties or benami property owned by the individual in India or abroad for which confiscation is sought; and

(e) a list of persons who may have an interest in any of the properties listed under clauses (c) and (d).

(3) The Authorities appointed for the purposes of the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 shall be the Authorities for the purposes of this Ordinance.

15 of 2003.

Attachment of
property.

5. (1) The Director or any other officer authorised by the Director, not below the rank of Deputy Director, may, with the permission of the Special Court, attach any property mentioned in the application under section 4 by an order in writing in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or section 4 the Director or any other officer, not below the rank of Deputy Director, authorised by the Director, may, by an order in writing, at any time prior to the filing of the application under section 4, attach any property—

(a) for which there is a reason to believe that the property is proceeds of crime, or is a property owned by an individual who is a fugitive economic offender; and

(b) which is being or is likely to be dealt with in a manner which may result in the property being unavailable for confiscation:

Provided that the Director or any other officer who provisionally attaches any property under this sub-section shall, within a period of thirty days from the date of such attachment, file an application under section 4 before the Special Court.

(3) The attachment of any property under this section shall continue for a period of one hundred and eighty days from the date of order of attachment or such other period as may be extended by the Special Court before the expiry of such period.

(4) Nothing in this section shall prevent the person interested in the enjoyment of the immovable property attached under sub-section (1) from such enjoyment.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “person interested”, in relation to any immovable property includes all persons claiming or entitled to claim any interest in the property.

Powers of Direc-
tion and other
officers.

6. The Director or any other officer shall, for the purposes of section 4, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 while trying a suit in respect of the following matters, namely:—

5 of 1908.

(a) discovery and inspection;

(b) enforcing the attendance of any person, including any officer of a reporting entity and examining him on oath;

(c) compelling the production of records;

(d) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(e) issuing commissions for examination of witnesses and documents; and

(f) any other matter which may be prescribed.

Power of
Survey.

7. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provisions of this Ordinance, where a Director or any other officer authorised by the Director, on the basis of material in his possession, has reason to believe (the reasons for such belief to be recorded in writing), that an individual may be a fugitive economic offender, he may enter any place—

(i) within the limits of the area assigned to him; or

(ii) in respect of which he is authorised for the purposes of this section, by such other authority, who is assigned the area within which such place is situated.

(2) Where the Director or any other officer authorised by him, on the basis of material in his possession, has reason to believe (the reasons for such belief to be recorded in writing) that an individual may be a fugitive economic offender and it is necessary to enter any place as mentioned in sub-section (1), he may request any proprietor, employee or any other person who may be present at that time, to—

(a) afford him the necessary facility to inspect such records as he may require and which may be available at such place;

(b) afford him the necessary facility to check or verify the proceeds of crime or any transaction related to proceeds of crime which may be found therein; and

(c) furnish such information as he may require as to any matter which may be useful for, or relevant to any proceedings under this Ordinance.

(3) The Director, or any other officer acting under this section may—

(i) place marks of identification on the records inspected by him and make or cause to be made extracts or copies therefrom;

(ii) make an inventory of any property checked or verified by him; and

(iii) record the statement of any person present at the property which may be useful for, or relevant to, any proceeding under this Ordinance.

8. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, where the Director or any other officer not below the rank of Deputy Director authorised by him for the purposes of this section, on the basis of information in his possession, has reason to believe (the reason for such belief to be recorded in writing) that any person—

(i) may be declared as a fugitive economic offender;

(ii) is in possession of any proceeds of crime;

(iii) is in possession of any records which may relate to proceeds of crime; or

(iv) is in possession of any property related to proceeds of crime,

then, subject to any rules made in this behalf, he may authorise any officer subordinate to him to—

(a) enter and search any building, place, vessel, vehicle or aircraft where he has reason to suspect that such records or proceeds of crime are kept;

(b) break open the lock of any door, box, locker, safe, almirah or other receptacle for exercising the powers conferred by clause (a) where the keys thereof are not available;

(c) seize any record or property found as a result of such search;

(d) place marks of identification on such record or property, if required or make or cause to be made extracts or copies therefrom;

(e) make a note or an inventory of such record or property; and

(f) examine on oath any person, who is found to be in possession or control of any record or property, in respect of all matters relevant for the purposes of any investigation under this Ordinance.

(2) Where an authority, upon information obtained during survey under section 7, is satisfied that any evidence shall be or is likely to be concealed or tampered with, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, enter and search the building or place where such evidence is located and seize that evidence.

Search and
seizure.

Search of persons.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force—

(a) if an authority, authorised in this behalf by the Central Government by general or special order, has reason to believe (the reason for such belief to be recorded in writing) that any person has secreted about his person or anything under his possession, ownership or control, any record or proceeds of crime which may be useful for or relevant to any proceedings under this Ordinance, he may search that person and seize such record or property which may be useful for or relevant to any proceedings under this Ordinance;

(b) where an authority is about to search any person, he shall, if such person so requires, take such person within twenty-four hours to the nearest Gazetted Officer, superior in rank to him, or a Magistrate:

Provided that the period of twenty-four hours shall exclude the time necessary for the journey undertaken to take such person to the nearest Gazetted Officer, superior in rank to him, or the Magistrate's Court;

(c) if the requisition under clause (b) is made, the authority shall not detain the person for more than twenty-four hours prior to taking him before the Gazetted Officer, superior in rank to him, or the Magistrate referred to in that sub-section:

Provided that the period of twenty-four hours shall exclude the time necessary for the journey from the place of detention to the office of the Gazetted Officer, superior in rank to him, or the Magistrate's Court;

(d) the Gazetted Officer or the Magistrate before whom any such person is brought shall, if he sees no reasonable ground for search, forthwith discharge such person but otherwise shall direct that search be made;

(e) before making the search under clause (a) or clause (d), the authority shall call upon two or more persons to attend and witness the search and the search shall be made in the presence of such persons;

(f) the authority shall prepare a list of record or property seized in the course of the search and obtain the signatures of the witnesses on the list;

(g) no female shall be searched by anyone except a female; and

(h) the authority shall record the statement of the person searched under clause (a) or clause (e) in respect of the records or proceeds of crime found or seized in the course of the search.

Notice.

10. (1) Where an application under section 4 has been duly filed, the Special Court shall issue a notice to an individual who is alleged to be a fugitive economic offender.

(2) The notice referred to in sub-section (1), shall also be issued to any other person who has any interest in the property mentioned in the application under sub-section (2) of section 4.

(3) A notice under sub-section (1) shall—

(a) require the individual to appear at a specified place and time not less than six weeks from the date of issue of such notice; and

(b) state that failure to appear on the specified place and time shall result in a declaration of the individual as a fugitive economic offender and confiscation of property under this Ordinance.

(4) A notice under sub-section (1) shall be forwarded to such authority, as the Central Government may notify, for effecting service in a contracting State.

(5) The authority referred to in sub-section (4) shall make efforts to serve the notice within a period of two weeks in such manner as may be prescribed.

(6) A notice under sub-section (1) may also be served to the individual alleged to be a fugitive economic offender by electronic means to—

43 of 1961.

(a) his electronic mail address submitted in connection with an application for allotment of Permanent Account Number under section 139A of the Income-tax Act, 1961;

18 of 2016.

(b) his electronic mail address submitted in connection with an application for enrolment under section 3 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016;

(c) any other electronic account as may be prescribed, belonging to the individual which is accessed by him over the internet, subject to the satisfaction of the Special Court that such account has been recently accessed by the individual and constitutes a reasonable method for communication of the notice to the individual.

11. (1) Where any individual to whom notice has been issued under sub-section (1) of section 10 appears in person at the place and time specified in the notice, the Special Court may terminate the proceedings under this Ordinance.

Procedure for hearing application.

(2) Where any individual to whom notice has been issued under sub-section (1) of section 10 fails to appear at the place and time specified in the notice, but enters appearance through counsel, the Special Court may in its discretion give a period of one week to file a reply to the application under section 4.

(3) Where any individual to whom notice has been issued under sub-section (1) of section 10 fails to enter appearance either in person or through counsel, and the Special Court is satisfied—

(a) that service of notice has been effected on such party; or

(b) that notice could not be served in spite of best efforts because such individual has evaded service of notice,

it may, after recording reasons in writing, proceed to hear the application.

(4) The Special Court may also give any person to whom notice has been issued under sub-section (2) of section 10 a period of one week to file a reply to the application under section 4.

12. (1) After hearing the application under section 4, if the Special Court is satisfied that an individual is a fugitive economic offender, it may, by an order, declare the individual as a fugitive economic offender for reasons to be recorded in writing.

Declaration of fugitive economic offender.

(2) On a declaration under sub-section (1), the Special Court may order that any of the following properties stand confiscated to the Central Government—

(a) the proceeds of crime in India or abroad, whether or not such property is owned by the fugitive economic offender; and

(b) any other property or benami property in India or abroad, owned by the fugitive economic offender.

(3) The confiscation order of the Special Court shall, to the extent possible, identify the properties in India or abroad that constitute proceeds of crime which are to be confiscated and in case such properties cannot be identified, quantify the value of the proceeds of crime.

(4) The confiscation order of the Special Court shall separately list any other property owned by the fugitive economic offender in India which is to be confiscated.

(5) Where the Special Court has made an order for confiscation of any property under sub-section (2), and such property is in a contracting State, the Special Court may issue a letter of request to a Court or authority in the contracting State for execution of such order.

(6) Every letter of request to be transmitted to a contracting State under sub-section (5) shall be transmitted in such form and manner as the Central Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf.

(7) The Special Court may, while making the confiscation order, exempt from confiscation any property which is a proceed of crime in which any other person, other than the fugitive economic offender, has an interest if it is satisfied that such interest was acquired *bonafide* and without knowledge of the fact that the property was proceeds of crime.

(8) All the rights and title in the confiscated property shall, from the date of the confiscation order, vest in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

(9) Where on the conclusion of the proceedings, the Special Court finds that the individual is not a fugitive economic offender, the Special Court shall order release of property or record attached or seized under this Ordinance to the person entitled to receive it.

(10) Where an order releasing the property has been made by the Special Court under sub-section (9), the Director or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf may withhold the release of any such property or record for a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of such order, if he is of the opinion that such property is relevant for the appeal proceedings under this Ordinance.

Supplementary
Application.

13. (1) Where at any time after the institution of the application under section 4, any other property is discovered or identified which constitutes proceeds of crime or is property owned by the fugitive economic offender liable to be confiscated under this Ordinance, the Director or any other officer not below the rank of Deputy Director authorised by the Director for the purposes of this section, may file a supplementary application in the Special Court seeking confiscation of such properties.

(2) The provisions of sections 4 to 12 shall, as far as may be, apply in relation to such application as they apply in relation to an application under section 4.

Power to
disallow civil
claims

14. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force,—

(a) on a declaration of an individual as a fugitive economic offender, any Court or tribunal in India, in any civil proceeding before it, may, disallow such individual from putting forward or defending any civil claim; and

(b) any Court or tribunal in India in any civil proceeding before it, may, disallow any company or limited liability partnership from putting forward or defending any civil claim, if an individual filing the claim on behalf of the company or the limited liability partnership, or any promoter or key managerial personnel or majority shareholder of the company or an individual having a controlling interest in the limited liability partnership has been declared as a fugitive economic offender.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, the expressions—

(a) “company” means anybody corporate and includes a firm, or other association of persons; and

(b) “limited liability partnership” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (n) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008.

6 of 2009.

Management
of properties
confiscated
under this
Ordinance.

15. (1) The Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, appoint as many of its officers (not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India) as it thinks fit, to perform the functions of an Administrator.

(2) The Administrator appointed under sub-section (1) shall receive and manage the property in relation to which an order has been made under sub-section (2) of section 12 in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(3) The Administrator shall also take such measures, as the Central Government may direct, to dispose of the property which is vested in the Central Government under section 12:

Provided that the Central Government or the Administrator shall not dispose of any property for a period of ninety days from the date of the order under sub-section (2) of section 12.

CHAPTER III

MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.** (1) The burden of proof for establishing—
- (a) that an individual is a fugitive economic offender; or
- (b) that a property is the proceeds of crime or any other property in which the individual alleged to be a fugitive economic offender has an interest,
- shall be on the Director or the person authorised by the Director to file the application under section 4.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, where any person referred to in sub-section (2) of section 10 claims that any interest in any property was acquired *bonafide* and without knowledge of the fact that, such property constitutes proceeds of crime, the burden of proving such fact shall lie upon him.
- (3) The standard of proof applicable to the determination of facts by the Special Court under this Ordinance shall be preponderance of probabilities.
- 17.** (1) An appeal shall lie from any judgment or order, not being an interlocutory order, of a Special Court to the High Court both on facts and on law.
- (2) Every appeal under this section shall be preferred within a period of thirty days from the date of the judgment or order appealed from:
- Provided that the High Court may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the said period of thirty days, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within the period of thirty days:
- Provided further that no appeal shall be entertained after the expiry of the period of ninety days.
- 18.** No civil court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any suit or proceeding in respect of any matter which the Special Court is empowered by or under this Ordinance to determine and no injunction shall be granted by any court or other authority in respect of any action taken or to be taken in pursuance of any power conferred by or under this Ordinance.
- 19.** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government or Presiding Officer of the Special Court or Director or Deputy Director or any other officer authorised by the Director for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance or any rule made thereunder.
- 20.** (1) The Central Government may, having regard to the objects of this Ordinance, and if it considers necessary or expedient so to do, by notification add to, or as the case may be, omit from the First Schedule any offences specified therein.
- (2) Every such notification shall, as soon as after it is issued, be laid before each House of Parliament.
- 21.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall have effect, notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force.
- 22.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.
- 23.** (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (2) In particular, and without prejudice to generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—
- (a) the form and manner of filing application under sub-section (1) of section 4;
- (b) the manner of attachment of property under sub-section (1) of section 5;

Rules of evidence.

Appeal.

Bar of jurisdiction.

Protection of action taken in good faith

Power of Central Government to amend Schedule.

Overriding effect.

Application of other laws not barred.

power to make rules.

(c) other matters under clause (f) of section 6;

(d) the procedure for conducting search and seizure under section 8;

(e) the manner in which the notice shall be served under sub-section (5) of section 10;

(f) any other electronic account under clause (c) of sub-section (6) of section 10;

(g) the manner and conditions subject to which the Administrator shall receive and manage the property confiscated under sub-section (2) of section 15; and

(h) any other matter which is required to be, or may be, prescribed or in respect of which provision is to be made by rules.

Laying of rules
before
Parliament.

24. Every rule made under this Ordinance shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

Power to remove
difficulties.

25. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Central Government may, by order, published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty:

(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.

THE SCHEDULE

[See section 2(l) and (m)]

Section	Description of offence
I. Offences under the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860)	
120B read with any offence in this Schedule	Punishment of criminal conspiracy.
255	Counterfeiting Government stamp.
257	Making or selling instrument for counterfeiting Government stamp.
258	Sale of counterfeit Government stamp.
259	Having possession of counterfeit Government stamp.
260	Using as genuine a Government stamp known to be counterfeit.
417	Punishment for cheating.
418	Cheating with knowledge that wrongful loss may ensue to person whose interest offender is bound to protect.
420	Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property.
421	Dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property to prevent distribution among creditors.
422	Dishonestly or fraudulently preventing debt being available for creditors.

Section	Description of offence
423	Dishonest or fraudulent execution of deed of transfer containing false statement of consideration.
424	Dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property.
467	Forgery of valuable security, will, etc.
471	Using as genuine a forged [document or electronic record].
472	Making or possessing counterfeit seal, etc., with intent to commit forgery punishable under section 467.
473	Making or possessing counterfeit seal, etc., intent to commit forgery punishable otherwise.
475	Counterfeiting device or mark used for authenticating documents described in section 467, or possessing counterfeit marked material.
476	Counterfeiting device or mark used for authenticating documents other than those described in section 467, or possessing counterfeit marked material.
481	Using a false property mark.
482	Punishment for using a false property mark.
483	Counterfeiting a property mark used by another.
484	Counterfeiting a mark used by a public servant.
485	Making or possession of any instrument for counterfeiting a property mark.
486	Selling goods marked with a counterfeit property mark.
487	Making a false mark upon any receptacle containing goods.
488	Punishment for making use of any such false mark.
489A	Counterfeiting currency notes or bank notes.
489B	Using as genuine, forged or counterfeit currency notes or bank notes.
II. Offence under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (26 of 1881)	
138	Dishonour of cheque for insufficiency, etc., of funds in the account.
III. Offence under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934)	
58B	Penalties.
IV. Offences under the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944)	
Section 9	Offences and Penalties.
V. Offences under the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962)	
135	Evasion of duty or prohibitions.
VI. Offences under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 (45 of 1988)	
3	Prohibition of benami transactions.

Section	Description of offence
VII. Offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (49 of 1988)	
7	Public servant taking gratification other than legal remuneration in respect of an official act.
8	Taking gratification in order, by corrupt or illegal means, to influence public servant.
9	Taking gratification for exercise of personal influence with public servant.
10	Punishment for abetment by public servant of offences defined in section 8 or section 9 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
13	Criminal misconduct by a public servant.
VIII. Offences under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992)	
12A read with section 24	Prohibition of manipulative and deceptive devices, insider trading and substantial acquisition of securities or control.
24	Offences for contravention of the provisions of the Act.
IX. Offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (15 of 2003)	
3	Offence of money-laundering.
4	Punishment for money-laundering.
X. Offences under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 (6 of 2009)	
Sub-section (2) of section 30	Carrying on business with intent or purpose to defraud creditors of the Limited Liability Partnership or any other person or for any other fraudulent purpose.
XI. Offences under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (42 of 2010)	
34	Penalty for article or currency or security obtained in contravention of Section 10.
35	Punishment for contravention of any provision of the Act.
XII. Offences under the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013)	
Sub-section (4) of section 42 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with section 24 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992)	Offer or invitation for subscription of securities on private placement.
74	Repayment of deposits, etc., accepted before commencement of the Companies Act, 2013.
76A	Punishment for contravention of section 73 or section 76 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Section	Description of offence
Second proviso to sub-section (4) of section 206	Carrying on business of a company for a fraudulent or unlawful purpose.
Clause (b) of section 213	Conducting the business of a company with intent to defraud its creditors, members or any other persons or otherwise for a fraudulent or unlawful purpose, or in a manner oppressive to any of its members or that the company was formed for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose.
447	Punishment for fraud.
452	Punishment for wrongful withholding of property.
XIII. Offences under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 (22 of 2015)	
51	Punishment for wilful attempt to evade tax.
XIV. Offences under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016)	
69	Punishment for transactions defrauding creditors.
XV. Offences under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017)	
Sub-section (5) of section 132	Punishment for certain offences.

RAMNATH KOVIND,
President.

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THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2018

No. 2 OF 2018

Promulgated by the President in the Sixty-ninth Year of the Republic of India.

An Ordinance further to amend the Indian Penal Code, the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN PENAL CODE

Amendment of Section 166A.

2. In the Indian Penal Code (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Penal Code), in section 166A, in clause (c), for the words, figures and letters “section 376B, section 376C, section 376D,”, the words, figures and letters “section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB,” shall be substituted;

45 of 1860.

Amendment of Section 228A.

3. In section 228A of the Penal Code, in sub-section (1), for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 376.

4. In section 376 of the Penal Code,—

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words “shall not be less than seven years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine”, the words “shall not be less than ten years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, and shall also be liable to fine” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), clause (i) shall be omitted;

(c) after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) Whoever, commits rape on a woman under sixteen years of age shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than twenty years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person’s natural life, and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that such fine shall be just and reasonable to meet the medical expenses and rehabilitation of the victim:

Provided further that any fine imposed under this sub-section shall be paid to the victim.”.

Insertion of new section 376AB

5. After section 376A of the Penal Code, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

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“376AB. Whoever, commits rape on a woman under twelve years of age shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than twenty years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person’s natural life, and with fine or with death:

Punishment for rape on woman under twelve years of age.

Provided that such fine shall be just and reasonable to meet the medical expenses and rehabilitation of the victim:

Provided further that any fine imposed under this section shall be paid to the victim.”.

6. After section 376D of the Penal Code, the following sections shall be inserted , namely:—

Insertion of new section 376 DA and 376 DB.

“376DA. Where a woman under sixteen years of age is raped by one or more persons constituting a group or acting in furtherance of a common intention, each of those persons shall be deemed to have committed the offence of rape and shall be punished with imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person’s natural life, and with fine:

Punishment for gang rape on woman under sixteen years of age.

Provided that such fine shall be just and reasonable to meet the medical expenses and rehabilitation of the victim:

Provided further that any fine imposed under this section shall be paid to the victim.

376DB. Where a woman under twelve years of age is raped by one or more persons constituting a group or acting in furtherance of a common intention, each of those persons shall be deemed to have committed the offence of rape and shall be punished with imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person’s natural life, and with fine or with death:

Punishment for gang rape on woman under twelve years of age.

Provided that such fine shall be just and reasonable to meet the medical expenses and rehabilitation of the victim:

Provided further that any fine imposed under this section shall be paid to the victim.”.

CHAPTER III
AMENDMENTS TO THE INDIAN EVIDENCE ACT, 1872

Amendment to
Section 53.

7. In section 53A of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Evidence Act), for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

1 of 1872.

Amendment to
Section 146.

8. In section 146 of the Evidence Act, in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, letters and figures “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

CHAPTER IV
AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE, 1973

Amendment of
Section 26.

9. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the Code of Criminal Procedure), in section 26, in clause (a), in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

2 of 1974.

Amendment of
Section 154.

10. In section 154 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in the first proviso, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D,”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB,” shall be substituted;

(ii) in the second proviso, in clause (a), for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D,”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB,” shall be substituted.

11. In section 161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (3), in the second proviso, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D,” the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB,” shall be substituted.

Amendment of
Section 161.

12. In section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (5A), in clause (a), for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D,” the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB,” shall be substituted.

Amendment of
Section 164.

13. In section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure,—

Amendment of
Section 173.

(i) in sub-section (1A), for the words “rape of a child may be completed within three months”, the words, figures and letters “an offence under sections 376, 376A, 376AB, 376B, 376C, 376D, 376DA, 376DB or section 376E of the Indian Penal Code shall be completed within two months” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (2), in clause (i), in sub-clause (h), for the figures, letters and word “376A, 376B, 376C, section 376D”, the figures and letters “376A, 376AB, 376B, 376C, 376D, 376DA, 376DB” shall be substituted.

14. In section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (1), in the *Explanation*, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

Amendment of
Section 197.

15. In section 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (1), in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C or section 376D of the Indian Penal Code, the inquiry or trial shall, as far as possible”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA or section 376DB of the Indian Penal Code, the inquiry or trial shall” shall be substituted.

Amendment to
Section 309.

16. In section 327 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in sub-section (2), for the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D”, the words, figures and letters “section 376A, section 376AB, section

Amendment to
Section 327.

376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB” shall be substituted.

Amendment to
Section 357B.

17. In section 357B of the Code of Criminal Procedure, for the words, figures and letters “under section 326A or section 376D of the Indian Penal Code”, the words, figures and letters “under section 326A, section 376AB, section 376D, section 376DA and section 376DB of the Indian Penal Code” shall be substituted.

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Amendment to
Section 357C.

18. In section 357C of the Code of Criminal Procedure, for the figures and letters “376A, 376B, 376C, 376D”, the figures and letters “376A, 376AB, 376B, 376C, 376D, 376DA, 376DB” shall be substituted.

Amendment of
Section 374.

19. In section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4) When an appeal has been filed against a sentence passed under section 376, section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB or section 376E of the Indian Penal Code, the appeal shall be disposed of within a period of six months from the date of filing of such appeal.”.

Amendment of
Section 377.

20. In section 377 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) When an appeal has been filed against a sentence passed under section 376, section 376A, section 376AB, section 376B, section 376C, section 376D, section 376DA, section 376DB or section 376E of the Indian Penal Code, the appeal shall be disposed of within a period of six months from the date of filing of such appeal.”.

Amendment of
Section 438.

21. In section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4) Nothing in this section shall apply to any case involving the arrest of any person on accusation of having committed an offence under sub-section (3) of section 376 or section 376AB or section 376DA and section 376DB of the Indian Penal Code.”.

Amendment of
Section 439.

22. In section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure,—

(a) in sub-section (1), after the first proviso, the following

proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

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“Provided further that the High Court or the Court of Session shall, before granting bail to a person who is accused of an offence triable under sub-section (3) of section 376 or section 376AB or section 376DA or section 376DB of the Indian Penal Code, give notice of the application for bail to the Public Prosecutor within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of the notice of such application.”;

(b) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

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“(1A) The presence of the informant or any person authorised by him shall be obligatory at the time of hearing of the application for bail to the person under sub-section (3) of section 376 or section 376A or section 376DA or section 376DB of the Indian Penal Code.”.

23. In the First Schedule to the Code of Criminal Procedure, under the heading “I.-OFFENCES UNDER THE INDIAN PENAL CODE”,—

Amendment of First Schedule.

(a) against section 376,—

(i) for the entry under column 3, the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
		“Rigorous imprisonment of not less than 10 years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and with fine”;			

(ii) the following entries shall be inserted at the end, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
	“Persons committing offence of rape on a	Rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Court of Session.”;

	woman under sixteen years of age.	not be less than 20 years but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life and with fine.			
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(b) after the entries relating to section 376A, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
"376AB	Person committing an offence of rape on a woman under twelve years of age.	Rigorous imprisonment of not less than 20 years but which may extend to imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life and with fine or with death.	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Court of Session."

(c) after the entries relating to section 376D, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
"376DA	Gang rape on a woman under sixteen years of age.	Rigorous imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life and with fine.	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Court of Session.

1	2	3	4	5	6
376DB	Gang rape on woman under twelve years of age.	Imprisonment for life which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life and with fine or with death.	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Court of Session."

CHAPTER V

AMENDMENT TO THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT, 2012

24. In section 42 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, for the figures and letters "376A, 376C, 376D", the figures and letters "376A, 376AB, 376B, 376C, 376D, 376DA, 376DB" shall be substituted.

Amendment of
Section 42 of
Act No.32 of 2012.

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