

INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1898

Section 4 - Substitution of new section for section 124A, Act XLV, 1860

Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor, namely:--

"124A. Sedition.--

Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards Her Majesty or the Government established by law in British India, shall be punished with transportation for life or any shorter term, to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to three years, to which fine may be added, or with fine.

Explanation 1.--The expression 'disaffection' includes disloyalty and all feelings of enmity.

Explanation 2.--Comments expressing disapprobation of the measures of the Government with a view to obtain their alteration by lawful means, without exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, do not constitute an offence under this section.

Explanation 3.--Comments expressing disapprobation of the administrative or other action of the Government without exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection do not constitute an offence under this section."