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#### [1] Word/ Doctrine / Maxims of the Day:

<u>Prognosis</u>: It literally means 'fore-knowing' or 'foreseeing'. Elaborately, prognosis is a doctor's judgment of the likely or expected development of a disease or of the chances of getting better. For Examples: The prognosis after the operation was for a full recovery.

- Question (?) / Issue for Discussion of the Day: Discuss the provisions as to summary trial under the Cr.P.C. 1973. How does it is different from the summons trial?
- Law / Bill of the Day: The Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933: This is small Act consisting of [3] total 11 Sections. The purpose of the Act is to regulate the possession of wireless telegraphy apparatus in India. As per the Act, the phrase "wireless communication" means any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds, or intelligence of any nature by means of electricity, magnetism, or Radio waves or Hertizian waves, without the use of wires or other continuous electrical conductors between the transmitting and the receiving apparatus. Under the Act, "Radio waves" or "Hertizian waves" means electromagnetic waves of frequencies lower than 3,000 gigacyles per second propagated in space without artificial guide. This Act mandates, inter alia, that no person shall possess wireless telegraphy apparatus except under and in accordance with a license issued under this Act. As the 1933 Act is turning obsolete, the Government is working on a law tentatively titled as the Wireless & Spectrum Act to replace the 1933 Act which will cover all issues regarding critical airwayes, including allotment, auction and reservation of the scarce natural resource, among other details. The draft legislation is likely to be introduced in monsoon session of the Parliament. The new law will me modelled on the lines of the U.S. Communications Act of 1934.

#### [4] Memorable Case Laws:

(1) Bodhisattwa Gautam Vs. Subhra Chakraborty (1966 AIR 922): The present case is a landmark case, establishing the offence of Rape as against the guaranteed right to life under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. This case made a significant observation in granting compensation to rape victims and considered it to be an integral and undeniable aspect of 'Right to Life'. Sections 357 and 375-A of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, provides for compensation to victims of crimes along with various victim compensation schemes by States and Centre. This judgement specifically emphasised the jurisdiction of the Courts to

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provide interim compensation to victims of rape, which should be included in such schemes, based on the rationale that if the Court has the jurisdiction to grant compensation after conviction of the offender, the grant to interim compensation would also fall within its overall jurisdiction.

- (2) Fourth Judges Case (2015): This case is formally known as the Supreme Court Advocate on Record Association Vs Union of India (Fourth Judges Case). In this case constitutional validity of 99<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act 2014 (whereby Arts. 124-A, 124-B & 124-C were inserted) & the NJAC Act, 2014 were challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. These amendments and the Act were dealt with the appointment of the judges to the higher judiciary by the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) instead of the current appointment procedure through collegium system. Putting it simply, through this amendment, the Indian Parliament in one way or the other tried to abrogate the power of appointing judges by the collegium system. The Supreme Court with a majority of 4:1 struck down the 99<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act & the NJAC Act stating it "unconstitutional & void" as it violated the basic structure of Indian Constitution i.e. independence of Judiciary. In order to have holistic understanding as to background of this fourth judges case the previous three judges cases [i.e. S.P. Gupta v. U.O.I. (1st Judges Case—1981); S.C.O.R.A. v. U.O.I. (2nd Judges Case—1983); In Re: Under Article 143(1) of the Constitution of India (Third Judges Case—1998)] may please be referred.
- [5] Memorable Points (Cr.P.C.): Memorable points<sup>2</sup> as to Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (total 24 points as to Cr.P.C. already covered under previous issues of "Regular Updates") are as under
  - (1) Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cr.P.C., 1973 delas with the order for notifying address of previously convicted offender—Section 356.
  - When any person, having been convicted by a Court in India of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term of three years, or upwards, is again convicted of any offence punishable under the same section with imprisonment for a term of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_years or upwards by any Court other than that of a Magistrate of the second class, such Court may, if it thinks fit, at the time of passing a sentence of imprisonment on such person, also order that his residence and any change of, or absence from, such residence after release be notified—**Three Years**.(Refer Section 356 of the Cr.P.C.)
  - (3) Any person, having been convicted by a Court in India of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term of three years, or upwards, is again convicted of any offence punishable under the same section with imprisonment for a term of three years or upwards by any Court other than that of a Magistrate of the second class, such Court

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> . The readers please be informed that total **83 points** (the Indian Penal Code, 1860), **84 points** (CPC) and **93** (Indian Evidence Act) memorable points have been covered under previous issues of "Daily Legal Updates & Points" now known as "Regular Legal Updates and Points".



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	(6)	Indian Contract Act, 1872: An agreement to do an act impossible in itself is
		Void (Refer Section 56 of the ICA, 1872)
	(7)	Partnership Act, 1932: Who shall have power at all time to rectify any mistake in order
		to bring the entry in the Register of Firms relating to any firm into conformity with into
		documents relating to that firm-Registrar of Firms (Refer Section 64 of the
		Partnership Act, 1932)
	(8)	Sale of Goods Act, 1930: True/ False: For the purpose of Sale of Goods Act, 1930,
		delivery of goods sold may be made by doing anything which the parties agree shall be
		treated as delivery or which has the effect of putting the goods in the possession of the
		buyer or of any person authorised to hold them on his behalf—True (Refer Section 33
		of the SOGA, 1930)
	(9)	Specific Relief Act, 1963: True/ False: Where the contract is voidable or terminable by
		the plaintiff or where the contract is unlawful for causes not apparent on its face and
		the defendant is more to blame than the plaintiff, any person interested in a contract
		may sue to have it rescinded— <b>True</b> (Refer Section 27 of the Specific Relief Act, 1963)
	(10	) Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881: If the indorser signs his name only, the indorsement
		is said to be "", and if he adds a direction to pay the amount mentioned in
		the instrument to, or to the order of, a specified person, the indorsement is said to be
		"", and the person so specified is called the "" of the instrument.—
		In Blank; In Full; Indorsee (Refer Section 16 of the NI Act, 1881)
7]		K. / Current Affairs
	(1)	T M A Pai Foundation vs State of Karnataka case relates to—Rights of Minority
		Educational Institutions.
	(2)	Who shall be the patron-in-chief of the National Legal Services Authority in India—The
		Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. (Refer the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987)
	(3)	Bodhisattwa Gautam vs Subhra Chakraborty case relates to—rape is violative of Right
		to Life under Article 21 of Indian Constitution.
	(4)	Enforcement Directorate (ED) in India works under which enactment?—Prevention of
		Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)
		IRDAI stands for—Insurance Regulatory and Development of India.
	(6)	The Court Fees Act as applicable in India is of the year?—1870

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#### **Thanking You!**