

ACT No. XXV OF 1927.

[PASSED BY THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.]

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the
22nd September, 1927.)

**An Act further to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Code
of Criminal Procedure, 1898, for a certain purpose.**

XLV of 1860.
V of 1898.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, for the purpose hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1927. Short title.

XLV of 1860;

2. After section 295 of the Indian Penal Code, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 295A in Act XLV of 1860.

“295A. Whoever, with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings of any class of His Majesty’s subjects, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, insults or attempts to insult the religion or the religious beliefs of that class, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.”

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class, by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.

V of 1898.

3. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, the following amendments shall be made, namely:—

Amendment of Act V of 1898.

(i) in sub-section (1) of section 99A, after the words “His Majesty’s subjects” the words “or which is deliberately and maliciously intended to outrage the religious feelings of any such class by insulting the religion or the religious beliefs of that class” shall be inserted, and after the figures and letter “153A” the words, figures and letter “or section 295A” shall be inserted;

(ii) in section 196, after the word, figures and letter “section 294A” the words, figures and letter “or section 295A” shall be inserted;

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(iii) in the Second Schedule, after the entry relating to section 295 of the Indian Penal Code, the following entry shall be inserted, namely:—

" 295A	Maliciously insulting the religion or the religious beliefs of any class.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable.	Not compoundable.	Imprisonment of either description for 2 years, or fine, or both.	Court of Session or Presidency Magistrate ;"
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and

(iv) in the same Schedule, for the entries in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth columns relating to section 296 of the Indian Penal Code, the following entries shall be substituted, respectively, namely:—

" May arrest without warrant.	Summons.	Bailable.	Not compoundable.	Presidency Magistrate or Magistrate of the first or second class."
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