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**272.** **Adulteration of food or drink intended for sale** —

Whoever adulterates any article of food or drink, so as to make such article noxious as food or drink, intending to sell such article as food or drink, or knowing it to be likely that the same will be sold as food or drink, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCE Punishment—Imprisonment for 6 months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both—NonCognizable—Bailable—Triable by any Magistrate—Non-compoundable.

**273. Sale of noxious food or drink —**

Whoever sells, or offers or exposes for sale, as food or drink, any article which has been rendered or has become noxious, or is in a state unfit for food or drink, knowing or having reason to believe that the same is noxious as food or drink, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCE Punishment—Imprisonment for 6 months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both—Noncognizable—Bailable—Triable by any Magistrate—Non-compoundable.

**274. Adulteration of drugs —**

Whoever adulterates any drug or medical preparation in such a manner as to lessen the efficacy or change the operation of such drug or medical preparation, or to make it noxious, intending that it shall be sold or used for, or knowing it to be likely that it will be sold or used for, any medical purpose, as if it had not undergone such adulteration, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCE Punishment—Imprisonment for 6 months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both—Noncognizable—Bailable—Triable by any Magistrate—Non-compoundable.

**Sale of adulterated drugs —**

Whoever, knowing any drug or medical preparation to have been adulterated in such a manner as to lessen its efficacy, to change its operation, or to render it noxious, sells the same, or offers or exposes it for sale, or issues it from any dispensary for medicinal purposes as unadulterated, or causes it to be used for medicinal purposes by any person not knowing of the adulteration, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCE Punishment—Imprisonment for 6 months, or fine of 1,000 rupees, or both—Noncognizable—Bailable—Triable by any Magistrate—Non-compoundable.

**276. Sale of drug as a different drug or preparation —**

Whoever knowingly sells, or offers or exposes for sale, or issues from a dispensary for medicinal purposes, any drug or medical preparation, as a different drug or medical preparation, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.