

Legal Aid Center

Voice For The Weak

District Legal Services Authority

Date: 18-07-2025

Addressed To,

Concerned Police Station,
Noida

Subject: Complaint under BNS Section –

Respected Sir/Madam,

I, Sidharth, aged 19, residing at Noida, wish to lodge a complaint regarding the incident described below:

Incident Summary:

My friend is a criminal but I gave shelter to him.

BNS Sections:

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- Punishment: Punishable with up to 10 years imprisonment and fine depending on level of involvement and success of the escape.
- Cognizable: Cognizable as quick apprehension is required to recover the prisoner and dismantle any supporting network.
- Bailable: Non-bailable because helping a prisoner of war or a state prisoner is considered a threat to internal security.
- Category: Offences Against the State / Aiding Escape

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- Punishment: Punishment varies depending on the intent—abduction itself may be punished with imprisonment up to 7 years, but if committed with criminal intent (e.g., murder or ransom), the punishment increases accordingly.
- Cognizable: Cognizable if committed with intent to commit a serious offence (like ransom or murder), otherwise non-cognizable in isolation.
- Bailable: Bailability depends on the intent; if it is plain abduction, it may be bailable, but with criminal purpose, it becomes non-bailable.
- Category: Offences Against the Person

202 - A public servant engages in trade despite being legally prohibited from doing so.

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- Punishment: Simple imprisonment up to 1 year, or fine, or both, or community service
- Cognizable: Non-Cognizable
- Bailable: Bailable
- Category: Offences by or relating to public servants

Complainant Details:

- Name: Sidharth
- Gender: Male
- Age: 19
- Phone: 1234567890
- ID Number: 123
- Email: qbih@gmail.com

Respectfully,

Sidharth

Signature