

# Legal Aid Center

**Voice For The Weak**

District Legal Services Authority

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**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:**

**158 - This clause punishes civilians or other actors who help a state or war prisoner escape, hide them, or resist their capture.**

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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

**138 - Abduction refers to forcibly or deceitfully taking away any person. Unlike kidnapping, it is not limited to minors or guardianship, but rather the method of taking.**

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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.**

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

- 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