

### *Illustration*

A draws a bill of exchange upon a fictitious person, and fraudulently accepts the bill in the name of such fictitious person with intent to negotiate it. A commits forgery.

<sup>1</sup>[*Explanation 3.*—For the purposes of this section, the expression “affixing <sup>2</sup>[electronic signature]” shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).]

**465. Punishment for forgery.**—Whoever commits forgery shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**466. Forgery of record of Court or of public register, etc.**—<sup>3</sup>[Whoever forges a document or an electronic record], purporting to be a record or proceeding of or in a Court of Justice, or a register of birth, baptism, marriage or burial, or a register kept by a public servant as such, or a certificate or document purporting to be made by a public servant in his official capacity, or an authority to institute or defend a suit, or to take any proceedings therein, or to confess judgment, or a power of attorney, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine.

<sup>1</sup>[*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section, “register” includes any list, data or record of any entries maintained in the electronic form as defined in clause (r) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).]

**467. Forgery of valuable security, will, etc.**—Whoever forges a document which purports to be a valuable security or a will, or an authority to adopt a son, or which purports to give authority to any person to make or transfer any valuable security, or to receive the principal, interest or dividends thereon, or to receive or deliver any money, movable property, or valuable security, or any document purporting to be an acquittance or receipt acknowledging the payment of money, or an acquittance or receipt for the delivery of any movable property or valuable security, shall be punished with <sup>4</sup>[imprisonment for life], or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

**468. Forgery for purpose of cheating.**—Whoever commits forgery, intending that the <sup>3</sup>[document or electronic record forged] shall be used for the purpose of cheating, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine.

**469. Forgery for purpose of harming reputation.**—Whoever commits forgery, <sup>3</sup>[intending that the document or electronic record forged] shall harm the reputation of any party, or knowing that it is likely to be used for that purpose, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.

**470. Forged document.**—A false <sup>5</sup>[document or electronic record] made wholly or in part by forgery is designated “a forged <sup>5</sup>[document or electronic record]”.

**471. Using as genuine a forged document or electronic record.**—Whoever fraudulently or dishonestly uses as genuine any <sup>5</sup>[document or electronic record] which he knows or has reason to believe to be a forged <sup>5</sup>[document or electronic record], shall be punished in the same manner as if he had forged such <sup>5</sup>[document or electronic record].

**472. Making or possessing counterfeit seal, etc., with intent to commit forgery punishable under section 467.**—Whoever makes or counterfeits any seal, plate or other instrument for making an impression, intending that the same shall be used for the purpose of committing any forgery which would be punishable under section 467 of this Code, or, with such intent, has in his possession any such seal, plate or other instrument, knowing the same to be counterfeit, shall be punished with <sup>4</sup>[imprisonment for life], or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine.

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1. Ins. by Act 21 of 2000, s. 91 and the First Sch. (w.e.f. 17-10-2000).

2. Subs. by Act 10 of 2009, s. 51, for “digital signature” (w.e.f. 27-10-2009).

3. Subs. by Act 21 of 2000, s. 91 and the First Sch., for certain words (w.e.f. 17-10-2000).

4. Subs. by Act 26 of 1955, s. 117 and the Sch., for “transportation for life” (w.e.f. 1-1-1956).

5. Subs. by Act 21 of 2000, s. 91 and the First Sch., for “document” (w.e.f. 17-10-2000).