

**223. Escape from confinement or custody negligently suffered by public servant.**—Whoever, being a public servant legally bound as such public servant to keep in confinement any person charged with or convicted of any offence <sup>1</sup>[or lawfully committed to custody], negligently suffers such person to escape from confinement, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**224. Resistance or obstruction by a person to his lawful apprehension.**—Whoever intentionally offers any resistance or illegal obstruction to the lawful apprehension of himself for any offence with which he is charged or of which he has been convicted, or escapes or attempts to escape from any custody in which he is lawfully detained for any such offence, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

*Explanation.*—The punishment in this section is in addition to the punishment for which the person to be apprehended or detained in custody was liable for the offence with which he was charged, or of which he was convicted.

**225. Resistance or obstruction to lawful apprehension of another person.**—Whoever intentionally offers any resistance or illegal obstruction to the lawful apprehension of any other person for an offence, or rescues or attempts to rescue any other person from any custody in which that person is lawfully detained for an offence, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both;

or, if the person to be apprehended, or the person rescued or attempted to be rescued, is charged with or liable to be apprehended for an offence punishable with <sup>2</sup>[imprisonment for life] or imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine;

or, if the person to be apprehended, or rescued, or attempted to be rescued, is charged with or liable to be apprehended for an offence punishable with death, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine;

or, if the person to be apprehended or rescued, or attempted to be rescued, is liable under the sentence of a Court of Justice, or by virtue of a commutation of such a sentence, to <sup>2</sup>[imprisonment for life], <sup>3\*\*\*\*</sup>  
<sup>4\*\*\*</sup> <sup>5\*\*\*</sup> or imprisonment, for a term of ten years, or upwards, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, and shall also be liable to fine;

or, if the person to be apprehended or rescued, or attempted to be rescued, is under sentence of death, shall be punished with <sup>2</sup>[imprisonment for life] or imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

<sup>6</sup>[**225A. Omission to apprehend, or sufferance of escape, on part of public servant, in cases not otherwise, provided for.**—Whoever, being a public servant legally bound as such public servant to apprehend, or to keep in confinement, any person in any case not provided for in section 221, section 222 or section 223, or in any other law for the time being in force, omits to apprehend that person or suffers him to escape from confinement, shall be punished—

(a) if he does so intentionally, with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine or with both; and

(b) if he does so negligently, with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

**225B. Resistance or obstruction to lawful apprehension, or escape or rescue in cases not otherwise provided for.**—Whoever, in any case not provided for in section 224 or section 225 or in any other law for the time being in force, intentionally offers any resistance or illegal obstruction to the lawful apprehension of himself or of any other person, or escapes or attempts to escape from any custody in

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1. Ins. by Act 27 of 1870, s. 8.

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

3. The words “or to” omitted by Act 36 of 1957, s. 3 and the Second Sch.

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

5. The words “penal servitude” omitted by Act 17 of 1949, s. 2 (w.e.f. 6-4-1949).

6. Subs. by Act 10 of 1886, s. 24(I), for section 225A which had been ins. by Act 27 of 1870, s. 9.