

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure ,1898

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called "The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2016."

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of 241-A, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in section 241-A,-

(i) for sub-section(1) the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“ (1) In all cases instituted upon police report except those tried summarily or punishable with fine or imprisonment not exceeding six months, copy of the First Information Report and copies of statements of all witnesses recorded under Section 161 and 164, report of police officer under section 173, the inspection note recorded by an investigation officer on his first visit to the place of occurrence and the note recorded by him on recoveries made, if any, shall be supplied free of cost to the accused not less than seven days before the commencement of the trial”.

(ii) The proviso to sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

After eighteenth amendment in the Constitution as per Article 10-A of the Constitution fair trial is a fundamental right of the accused which cannot be achieved unless copy of all material or evidence which the prosecution intends to produce during trial in court against the accused is not supplied before framing of the charge.

This Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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