



The Poisons Act 1919

Object

- Regulate and control the import, possession and sale of poisons.
- Central government regulates import.
- State government regulates possession, possession for sale and sale of poisons.

Possession, Possession for sale and sale of any Poison

- I. **Possession for sale and sale of any poison:**
 - **State government.**
 - i. **Grant of license** and fixing fees.
 - ii. **Classes of persons** to whom license is granted.
 - iii. **Maximum quantity of poison sold** to any person.
 - iv. **Maintenance of register** for sale of poison.
 - v. Safe custody and labeling.
 - vi. **Inspection and examination** of poison possessed for sale.

2. Possession of any poison:

- **State Government:**
 - i. Used for murder or poisoning cattle's.
 - ii. Break of this rule punishable with **imprisonment of 1 year or fine of 1000 rupees or both.**

3. Import of Poison:

- Allowed under specific conditions of license, central government regulates grant of such license.

Offences and Penalties

- **Penalty for unlawful importation, possession for sale and sale of any poison.**
 1. Unlawful possession for sale of poison.
 2. Importation without license.
 3. Breach of condition of license.

Punishable with:-

1. imprisonment:- 3 months or fine 500 rupees or both on first conviction.
2. Imprisonment:- 6 months or fine 1000 rupees or both on second or subsequent conviction.
3. Poison along with vessel is confiscated.



List of Poisonous substances

- **List A:-** Aconite, Arsenic, Coca, Digitalis, Lead etc.
- **List B:-** essential oils of almonds, Chloroform, Carbolic acids, All oxides of mercury, Sulphonal, Zinc Chloride etc.



Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the object of Poison act.
- Write a note on Possession, Possession for sale and sale of poison.
- What are the offences and penalties under poison act 1919.
- List the different types of poisons.