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Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013,

Section 27 - Substitution of New Section for Section 119

For section 119 of the Evidence Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:--

"119. Witness unable to communicate verbally.--A witness who is unable to speak may give his evidence in any other manner in which he can make it intelligible, as by writing or by signs; but such writing must be written and the signs made in open Court, evidence so given shall be deemed to be oral evidence:

Provided that if the witness is unable to communicate verbally, the Court shall take the assistance of an interpreter or a special educator in recording the statement, and such statement shall be videographed."