

Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Section 29 - Sentences Which Magistrates May Pass

(1) The Court of a Chief Judicial Magistrate may pass any sentence authorised by law except a sentence of death or of imprisonment for life or of imprisonment for a term exceeding seven years.

(2) The Court of a Magistrate of the first class may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or of fine not exceeding 2[ten thousand rupees], or both.

(3) The Court of a Magistrate of the second class may pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or of fine not exceeding 3[five thousand rupees], or of both.

(4) The Court of a Chief Metropolitan Magistrate shall have the powers of the Court of a Chief Judicial Magistrate and that of a Metropolitan Magistrate, the powers of the Court of a Magistrate of the first class.

STATE AMENDMENT

1Punjab:

After section 29 , the following section shall be inserted, namely:--

" 29 A. Sentences which Executive Magistrate may pass.- An Executive Magistrate may pass a sentence of imprisonment of a term not exceeding three years or of fine not exceeding five thousand rupees, or both."

1. Vide Punjab Act 22 of 1993 (w.e.f. 27-6-1993).

2. Substituted for the word "five thousand rupees" by Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005.

3. Substituted for the word "one thousand rupees" by Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005.
