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**Border Security Force Act, 1968**

**Section 27 - PERMITTING ESCAPE OF PERSON IN CUSTODY** Any person subject to this Act who commits any of the following offences, that

a) when in command of a guard, picket, patrol or post, releases without proper authority, whether wilfully or without reasonable excuse any person committed to his charge, or refuses to receive any prisoner or person so committed; or (b) wilfully or without reasonable excuse allows to escape any person who is committed to his charge, or whom it is his duty to keep or guard, shall, on conviction by a Security Force Court, be liable, if he has acted wilfully, to suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years or such less punishment as is in this Act mentioned; and if he has not acted wilfully, to suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or such less punishment as is in this Act mentioned.