

Cantonments Act, 1924

Section 236 - PENALTY FOR LOITERING AND IMPORTUNING FOR PURPOSES OF PROSTITUTION

1) Whoever in a cantonment loiters for the purpose of prostitution or importunes any person to the commission of sexual immorality, shall be punishable with imprisonment Which may extend to one month, or with fine which may extend to [five hundred rupees]. (2) No prosecution for an offence under this section shall be instituted except on the complaint of the person importuned, or of a military officer in whose presence the offence was committed, or of a member of the Military [Naval] or Air Force Police, being employed in the cantonment and authorised in this behalf by the [Officer Commanding the station], in whose presence the offence was committed, or of a police officer not below the rank of a sub-inspector [or a sergeant] who is employed in the cantonment and authorised in this behalf by the [Officer Commanding the station] [with the concurrence of the District Magistrate]. Act 15 of 1983 Clause 134.- Penally under section 236(1) of the Act for loitering and importuning for purpose of prostitution is being enhanced due to escalation in prices. The word "Naval" is being introduced in section 236(2) to cover naval stations also consequent to the amendment of section 3 (vide clause 3). - Gaz. of Ind., 9-7-1982, Pt. II, S. 2, Ext., P. 57 (No. 26)