

Cantonments Act, 1924

Chapter IV - Spirituous Liquors and Intoxicating Drugs

If within a cantonment, or within such limits adjoining a cantonment as the [1](#) [Central Government] may, by notification in the Official Gazette, define, any person not subject to [2](#) [Army, Navy or Air Force law] or any person subject to [2](#) [Army, Navy or Air Force law] otherwise than as a military officer or a soldier knowingly barter, sells or supplies, or offers or attempts to barter, sell or supply, any spirituous liquor or intoxicating drug to or for the use of any soldier or follower or soldier's wife or minor child without the written permission of the [3](#) [Officer Commanding the station] or of some person authorised by the [3](#) [Officer Commanding the station] to grant such permission, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to [4](#) [five hundred rupees], or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both.

1. Substituted by the A.O. 1937, for "L.G."
 2. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 36, for "military or air force law" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.
 3. Substituted by Act 7 of 1925, section 14, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".
 4. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 36, for "one hundred rupees" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.
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Section 57 - Unauthorised possession of spirituous liquor

If within a cantonment, or within any limits defined under section 56,--

(a) any person subject to [1](#) [Army, Navy or Air Force law] otherwise than as a military officer or a soldier, or

(b) the wife or servant of any such person or of a soldier,

has in his or her possession, except on behalf of the [2](#) [Central Government] or for the private use of a military officer, more than one quart of any spirituous liquor, other than fermented malt-liquor, without the written permission of the [3](#) [Officer Commanding the station] or of some person authorised by the [3](#) [Officer Commanding the station] to grant such permission, he or she shall be punishable, in the case of a first offence, with fine which may extend to [4](#) [two hundred and fifty rupees] and, in the case of a subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to [5](#) [five hundred rupees].

1. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 37, for "military or air force law" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.
 2. Substituted by the A.O. 1937, for "Government".
 3. Substituted by Act 7 of 1925, section 14, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".
 4. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 37, for "fifty rupees" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.
 5. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 37, for "one hundred rupees" w.e.f. 1-10-1983
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Section 58 - Arrest of persons and seizure and confiscation of things for offences against the two last foregoing sections

(1) Any police officer or excise officer may, without an order from a [1](#)[Judicial Magistrate] and without a warrant, arrest any person whom he finds committing an offence under section 56 or section 57, and may seize and detain any spirituous liquor or intoxicating drug in respect of which such an offence has been committed and any vessels or coverings in which the liquor or drug is contained.

(2) Where a person accused of an offence under section 56 has been previously convicted of an offence under that section, an officer in charge of a police station may, with the written permission of a [1](#)[Judicial Magistrate] seize and detain any spirituous liquor or intoxicating drug within the cantonment or within any limits defined under that section which, at the time of the alleged commission of the subsequent offence, belonged to, or was in the possession of, such person.

(3) The court convicting a person of an offence under section 56 or section 57 may order the confiscation of the whole or any part of anything seized under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2).

(4) Subject to the provisions of [2](#)[Chapter XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974)], anything, seized under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) and not confiscated under sub-section (3) shall be restored to the person from whom it was taken.

1. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 38, for "Magistrate" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.

2. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 38, for "Chapter XLIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1893" w.e.f. 1-10-1983.

Section 59 - Saving of articles sold or supplied for medicinal purposes

The foregoing provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to the sale or supply of any article in good faith for medicinal purposes by a medical practitioner, chemist or druggist authorised in this behalf by a general or special order of the [1](#) [Officer Commanding the station].

1. Substituted by Act 7 of 1925, section 14, for "Commanding Officer of the Cantonment".
