

Coroners Act, 1871

Section 19 - EVIDENCE TO BE ON OATH. EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF ACCUSED - All evidence given under this Act shall be on oath, and the

if any) accused of causing the death of the deceased person. Interpreter. Witnesses unacquainted with the English language shall be examined through the medium of an interpreter, who shall be sworn to interpret truly as well the oath as the questions put to, and the answers given by, the witnesses. Questions suggested by jury. After each witness has been examined, the Coroner shall inquire whether the jury wish any further questions to be put to the witness, and, if the jury wish that any such questions should be put, the Coroner shall put them accordingly. State Amendments Maharashtra: For Section 19, substitute the following: 19. Evidence to be on oath.- (1) All evidence given under this Act, shall except in the case provided in sub-section (2), be on oath and the Coroner shall be bound to receive the evidence on behalf of the person who is alleged to have caused or to be concerned in causing the death of the deceased person. (2) Evidence on behalf of accused.- If such person himself wishes to make a statement it shall be the duty of the Coroner to warn him that he is not bound to make any statement; but if such person persists, the Coroner shall, without administering him any oath, record his statement in full after duly warning him that any incriminating statement which he may make may be used in evidence in any subsequent inquiry, trial or other proceeding under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. (3) For the purpose of Section 26 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, a Coroner shall be deemed to be a Magistrate. (4) Interpreter.- Witnesses unacquainted with the English language shall be examined through the medium of an interpreter, who shall be sworn to interpret truly as well the oath as the question put to, and the answer given by each witness. (5) After each witness has been examined, the Coroner shall enquire whether the jury wish any further questions to be put to the witness, and if the jury wish that any such questions shall be put the Coroner shall put them accordingly - Bom. Act 13 of 1930, S. 2.