

Consumer Protection Act, 1986

Section 27 - Penalties

1 [(1)] Where a trader or a person against whom a complaint is made 2 [or the complainant] fails or omits to comply with any order made by the District Forum, the State Commission or the National Commission, as the case may be, such trader or person 2 [or complainant] shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one month but which may extend to three years, or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand rupees but which may extend to ten thousand rupees, or with both:

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4 [(2)] Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974), the District Forum or the State Commission or the National Commission, as the case may be, shall have the power of a Judicial Magistrate of the first class for the trial of offences under this Act, and on such conferment of powers, the District Forum or the State Commission or the National Commission, as the case may be, on whom the powers are so conferred, shall be deemed to be a Judicial Magistrate of the first class for the purpose of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).

(3) All offences under this Act may be tried summarily by the District Forum or the State Commission or the National Commission, as the case may be.]

1. Section 27 re-numbered as sub-section (1) thereof by Act 62 of 2002, section 23 (w.e.f. 15-3-2003).

2. Inserted by Act 50 of 1993, section 21 (w.r.e.f. 18-6-1993).

3. Omitted by Act 62 of 2002, section 23 (w.e.f. 15-3-2003). Proviso before omission read as: "Provided that the District Forum, the State Commission or the National Commission, as the case may be, may, if it is satisfied that the circumstances of any case so require, impose a sentence of imprisonment or fine, or both, for a term lesser than the minimum term and the amount lesser than the minimum amount, specified in this section."

4. Inserted by Act 62 of 2002, section 23 (w.e.f. 15-3-2003).
