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Indian Contract Act, 1872

Section 10 - What Agreements Are Contracts

All agreements are contracts if they are made by the free consent of parties competent to contract, for a lawful consideration and with a lawful object, and are not hereby expressly declared to be void.

Nothing herein contained shall affect any law in force in [1](#) [India] and not hereby expressly repealed, by which any contract is required to be made in writing² or in the presence of witnesses, or any law relating to registration of documents.

1. Substituted by Act 3 of 1951, section 3 and Schedule, for "Part A States and Part C States" which had been Substituted by the A.O. 1950, for "the Provinces".

2. See e.g., section 25, the Copyright Act, 1957 (14 of 1957), section 19, the Carriers Act, 1865 (3 of 1865) sections 6 and 7; the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) section 12, 30, 46 and 109.