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The Indian Penal Code 1860

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SECTION 39: "VOLUNTARILY" A person is said to cause an effect "voluntarily" when he causes it by means whereby he intended to cause it , or by means which, at the time of employing those means, he knew or had reason to believe to be likely to cause it. Illustration A sets fire, by night to an inhabited house in a large town , for the purpose of facilitating a robbery and thus causes the death of a person. Here, A may not have intended to cause death, and may even be sorry that death has been caused by his act; yet, if he knew that he has caused death, he has caused death, voluntarily. COMMENTS Done by design or intention, intentional and not accidental, without coercion, free choice, free will, without any compulsion.