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The Indian Penal Code 1860

Section 55A - DEFINITION OF "APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT" In sections 54 and 55 the expression "appropriate Government" means

a) in cases where the sentence is a sentence of death or is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the Union extends, the Central Government; and (b) in case where the sentence (whether of death or not) is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the State extends, the Government of the State within which the offender is sentenced.