

**Army Act, 1950**

**Section 40 - Striking or Threatening Superior Officers**

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Any person subject to this Act who commits any of the following offences, that is to say,--

- (a) uses criminal force to or assaults his superior officer; or
- (b) uses threatening language to such officer, or
- (c) uses insubordinate language to such officer,

shall, on conviction by court-martial,

if, such officer is at the time in the execution of his office or, if the offence is committed on active service, be liable to suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years or such less punishment as is in this Act mentioned; and

in other cases, be liable to suffer imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years or such less punishment as is in this Act mentioned:

Provided that in the case of an offence specified in clause (c), the imprisonment shall not exceed five years.

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