

L. A. BILL No. XXX OF 2026.

A BILL

*to amend the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in its
application to the State of Maharashtra.*

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th March, 2026.)

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 25th March, 2026.)

45 of 2023. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in its application to the State of Maharashtra, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. This Act may be called the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (Maharashtra Short title. Amendment) Act, 2026.

45 of 2023. 2. In section 72 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in its application to the State of Maharashtra (hereinafter referred to as “the said Sanhita”), in sub-section (1), after the word and figures “section 71” the words and figures “or section 124” shall be inserted. Amendment of section 72 of 45 of 2023.

Amendment
of section 75
of 45 of 2023.

3. In section 75 of the said Sanhita,—

(1) in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (iv), after the word “remarks,” the word “or” shall be inserted;

(ii) after clause (iv), the following clauses shall be added, namely :—

“(v) offensive communication by telephone, email, social media platform or through any other electronic or digital mode of communication in a manner which is of lascivious or lewd nature; or

(vi) threat to upload or disseminates any photograph, sound or video file including a real or fabricated depiction of any part of the body of woman including the involvement of that woman in any consensual or non-consensual sexual act through electronic or any other form of media; or

(vii) use of social electronic media or any other media in any form to defame or cause disrepute to woman; or

(viii) use of woman’s name, particulars, photographs or any other means of identification to directly or indirectly outrage her modesty or violate her privacy,”;

(2) in sub-section (2), after the word, figure and brackets “clause (iii)” the following words, figures and brackets “or clause (v) or clause (vi) or clause (vii) or clause (viii)” shall be inserted.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
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**[SHRI DEVENDRA FADNAVIS,
Chief Minister.]**

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**DR. VILAS ATHAWALE,
Secretary-3,
Maharashtra Legislative Council.**