

## REPROTS OF LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA

### First Law Commission (Chairman Mr. M. C. Setalvad 1955-1958)

No. of the submission Report	Subject	Year of
1.	Liability of the State in Torts.	1956
2.	Parliamentary Legislation relating to Sales Tax.	1956
3.	Limitation Act, 1908	1956
4.	On the proposal that High Courts should sit in Benches at different places in a State.	1956
5.	British Statutes applicable to India.	1957
6.	Registration Act, 1908	1957
7.	Partnership Act, 1932	1957
8.	Sale of Goods Act, 1930	1958
9.	Specific Relief Act, 1877	1958
10.	Law of Acquisition and Requisitioning of Land.	1958
11.	Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881	1958
12.	Income Tax Act, 1922	1958
13.	Contract Act, 1872	1958
14.	Reform of Judicial Administration.	1958

### Second Law Commission (Chairman Mr. Justice T. L. Venkatrama Aiyar 1958-1961)

15.	Law relating to Marriage and Divorce amongst Christians in India.	1960
16.	Official Trustees Act, 1913.	1960
17.	Report on Trusts Act, 1882.	1961
18.	Converts' Marriage Dissolution Act, 1866.	1961
19.	The Administrator-General's Act, 1913.	1961
20.	The Law of Hire-Purchase	1961
21.	Marine Insurance	1961
22.	Christian Marriage and Matrimonial Causes Bill, 1961	1961

**Third Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice J. L. Kapur 1961-1964)**

23.	Law of Foreign Marriages.	1962
24.	The Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952	1962.
25.	Evidence of Officers about forged stamps, currency notes, etc. Section 509-A Cr.P.C. as proposed.	1963
26.	Insolvency Laws	1964
27.	The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	1964
28.	The Indian Oaths Act, 1873.	1964

**Fourth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice J. L. Kapur 1964-1968)**

29.	Proposal to include certain Social and Economic Offences in the Indian Penal Code	1966
30.	Section 5 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, taxation by the States of Sales in the course of import.	1967
31.	Section 30(2) of the Indian Registration Act, 1908-Extension to Delhi.	1967
32.	Section 9 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898-Appointment of Sessions Judges, Additional Session Judges and Assistant Sessions Judges.	1967
33.	Section 44, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.	1967
34.	Indian Registration Act, 1908.	1967
35.	Capital Punishment.	1967
36.	Sections 497, 498 and 499 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898-Grant of bail with condition.	1967
37.	The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Sections 1 to 176).	1967
38.	Indian Post Office Act, 1898.	1968

**Fifth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. K. V. K. Sundaram 1968-1971)**

39.	Punishment of imprisonment for life under the Indian Penal Code.	1968
40.	Law relating to attendance of Prisoners in Courts.	1969
41.	The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.	1969
42.	Indian Penal Code.	1971
43.	Offences against the National Security.	1971
44.	The Appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Civil Matters.	1971

**Sixth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice Dr. P. B. Gajendragadkar 1971-1974)**

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45.	Civil Appeals to the Supreme Court on a Certificate of Fitness.	1971
46.	The Constitution (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1971.	1971
47.	The Trial and Punishment of Social and Economic Offences.	1972
48.	Some questions under the Code of Criminal Procedure Bill, 1970.	1972
49.	The Proposal for inclusion of agricultural income in the total income for the purpose of determining the rate of tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961.	1972
50.	The Proposal to include persons connected with Public examination within the definition of "Public Servant" in the Indian Penal Code.	1972
51.	Compensation for injuries caused by automobiles in hit-and-run cases.	1972
52.	Estate Duty on Property acquired after death.	1972
53.	Effect of the Pensions Act, 1871 on the right to sue for pensions of retired members of the public services.	1972
54.	The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	1973
55.	Rate of interest after decree and interest on costs under sections 34 and 35, of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	1973
56.	Statutory Provisions as to Notice of suit other than section 80, Civil Procedure Code.	1973
57.	Benami Transactions.	1973
58.	Structure and Jurisdiction of the Higher Judiciary.	1974
59.	Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Special Marriage Act, 1954.	1974
60.	The General Clauses Act, 1897.	1974
61.	Certain problems connected with power of the States to levy a tax on the sale of goods and with the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956.	1974

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**Seventh Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice Dr. P. B. Gajendragadkar 1974-1977)**

62.	Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.	1974
63.	The Interest Act, 1839.	1975
64.	The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956.	1975
65.	Recognition of Foreign Divorces	1976
66.	Married Women's Property Act, 1874.	1976
67.	The Indian Stamp Act, 1899.	1977
68.	The Powers of Attorney Act, 1882	1977
69.	The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.	1977
70.	The Transfer of Property Act, 1882.	1977

**Eighth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice H. R. Khanna, 1977-1979)**

71	The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955- Irretrievable breakdown of marriage as a ground of divorce.	1978
72	Restriction on practice after being a permanent Judge, Article 220 of the Constitution.	1978
73	Criminal liability for failure by Husband to pay maintenance or permanent alimony granted to the wife By the court under certain enactments or rules of law.	1978
74	Proposal to amend the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 so as to render Admissible certain statements made By witnesses before Commission of Inquiry and other statutory authorities.	1978
75	Disciplinary Jurisdiction under the Advocates Act, 1961.	1978
76	Arbitration Act, 1940.	1978
77	Delay and arrears in trial courts.	1979
78	Congestion of under trial prisoners in jails.	1979
79	Delay and Arrears in High Courts and other Appellate Courts.	1979
80	Method of Appointment of Judges.	1979

**Ninth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice P. V. Dixit 1979-1980)**

81	Hindu Widows Re-marriage Act, 1856.	1979
82	Effect of nomination under section 39, Insurance Act, 1938.	1980
83	The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 and certain provisions of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.	1980
84	Rape and allied offences-some questions of substantive law, procedure and evidence.	1980
85	Claims for compensation under Chapter 8 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.	1980
86	The Partition Act, 1893.	1980
87	Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920.	1980

**Tenth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice K. K. Mathew 1981-1985)**

88	Governmental Privilege in Evidence: Sections 123-124 and 162, Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and Articles 74 and 163 of the Constitution.	1983
89	The Limitation Act, 1963.	1983
90	The Grounds of Divorce amongst Christians in India: section 10, of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869.	1983
91	Dowry deaths and law reform: Amending the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.	1983
92	Damages in applications for Judicial Review Recommendations for legislation.	1983
93	Disclosure of sources of information by mass media.	1983
94	Evidence obtained illegally or improperly: proposed section 166A, Indian Evidence Act, 1872.	1983
95	Constitutional Division within the Supreme Court- A proposal for.	1984
96	Repeal of certain obsolete Central Acts.	1984
97	Section 28, Indian Contract Act, 1872: prescriptive clauses in contracts.	1984
98	Sections 24 to 26, Hindu Marriage Act, 1955: Orders for interim maintenance and orders for the maintenance of children in matrimonial proceedings.	1984
99	Oral and written arguments in the Higher courts.	1984
100	Litigation by and against the Government: some recommendations for reform.	1984

101	Freedom of Speech and Expression under Article 19 of the Constitution: recommendation to extend it to Indian Corporations.	1984
102	Section 122(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973: imprisonment for breach of bond for keeping the peace with sureties.	1984
103	Unfair Terms in Contract.	1984
104	The Judicial Officers' Protection Act, 1850.	1984
105	Quality Control and Inspection of consumer goods.	1984
106	Section 103A, Motor Vehicles Act, 1939: effect of Transfer of a Motor Vehicle on Insurance.	1984
107	Law of Citizenship.	1984
108	Promissory Estoppel.	1984
109	Obscene and Indecent advertisements and Displays: sections 292-293, Indian Penal Code.	1985
110	The Indian Succession Act, 1925.	1985
111	The Fatal Accidents Act, 1855.	1985
112	Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938.	1985
113	Injuries in Police Custody- Suggested section 114B, Evidence Act.	1985

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**Eleventh Law Commission  
(Chairman Mr. Justice D. A. Desai 1985-1988)**

114	Gram Nyayalaya.	1986
115	Tax Courts.	1986
116	Formation of an All India Judicial Service.	1986
117	Training of Judicial Officers.	1986
118	Method of appointment to subordinate courts/ subordinate judiciary.	1986
119	Access to Exclusive Forum for Victims of Motor Accidents under Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.	1987
120	Manpower Planning in Judiciary: A Blueprint	1987
121	A New Forum for Judicial Appointments.	1987
122	Forum for National Uniformity in Labour Adjudication.	1987
123	Decentralisation of Administration of Justice: Disputes Involving Centres of Higher Education.	1988
124	The High Court Arrears- A Fresh Look.	1988
125	The Supreme Court- A Fresh Look.	1988
126	Government and Public Sector Undertaking Litigation Policy and Strategies.	1988

127	Resource Allocation for Infra-structural Services in Judicial Administration (A continuum of the Report on Manpower Planning in Judiciary: A Blueprint).	—
128	Cost of Litigation.	1988
129	Urban Litigation – Mediation as alternative to Adjudication.	1988
130	Benami Transactions:A Continuum.	1988
131	Role of legal profession in Administration of Justice.	1988

**Twelfth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice M. P. Thakkar 1988-1991)**

132	Need for Amendment of the Provisions of the Chapter IX of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 in order to ameliorate the hardship and mitigate the distress of Neglected Women, Children and Parents.	1989
133	Removal of Discrimination against Women in matters relating to Guardianship and Custody of Minor Children and Elaboration of the Welfare Principle.	1989
134	Removing Deficiencies in certain Provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.	1989
135	Women in Custody.	1989
136	Conflicts in High Court Decisions on Central Laws-How to foreclose and how to resolve.	1990
137	Need for creating office of Ombudsman and for evolving legislative administrative measures inter-alia to relieve hardships caused by inordinate delays in settling Provident Fund claims of beneficiaries.	1990
138	Legislative Protection for Slum and Pavement Dwellers.	1990
139	Urgent need to amend Order XXI, Rule 92(2), Code of Civil Procedure to remove an anomaly which nullifies the benevolent intention of the legislature and occasions injustice to judgement-debtors sought to be benefited.	1991
140	Need to amend Order V, Rule 19A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, relating to service of summons by registered post with a view to foreclose likely injustice.	1991
141	Need for amending the law as regards power of courts to restore criminal revisional applications and criminal cases dismissed for default in appearance.	1991
142	Concessional treatment for offenders who on their own initiative choose to plead guilty without any bargaining.	1991

143	Legislative safeguards for protecting the small depositors from exploitation.	1991
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**Thirteenth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice K. N. Singh 1991-1994)**

144	Conflicting Judicial decisions pertaining to the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.	1992
145	Article 12 of the Constitution and Public Sector Undertakings.	1992
146	Sale of Women and Children: Proposed Section 373-A, Indian Penal Code.	1993
147	The Specific Relief Act, 1963.	1993
148	Repeal of Certain pre-1947 Central Acts.	1993
149	Removal of certain deficiencies in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Act No. 59 of 1988).	1994
150	Suggesting some Amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure (Act No. V of 1908).	1994
151	Admiralty Jurisdiction.	1994
152	Custodial Crimes.	1994
153	Inter-Country Adoption.	1994

**Fourteenth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice K. J. Reddy 1995-1997)**

154	The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974).	1996
155	The Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Act No. 61 of 1985).	1997
156	The Indian Penal Code.	1997

**Fifteenth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice B. P. Jeevan Reddy 1997-2000)**

157	Section 52: Transfer of Property Act, 1882 and its Amendment.	1998
158	The Amendment of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951	1998
159	Repeal and Amendment of Laws: Part I	1998
160	Amendment to the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (Act No. 52 of 1987)	1998



161	Central Vigilance Commission and Allied Bodies.	1998
162	Review of functioning of Central Administrative Tribunal, Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal and Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal	1998
163	The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1997	1998
164	The Indian Divorce Act, 1869 (Act IV of 1869)	1998
165	Free and Compulsory Education for Children	1998
166	The Corrupt Public Servants (forfeiture of property) Bill.	1999
167	The Patents (Amendment) Bill, 1998.	1999
168	The Hire-Purchase Act, 1972	1999
169	Amendment of Army, Navy and Air Force Act.	1999
170	Reform of the Electoral Laws	1999
171	The Biodiversity Bill, 2000	2000
172	Review of Rape Laws	2000
173	Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000	2000
174	Property Rights of Women: Proposed Reforms Under the Hindu Law	2000

#### **Sixteenth Law Commission**

**(Chairman Mr. Justice B. P. Jeevan Reddy 2000-2001)**

**(Chairman Mr. Justice M. Jagannadha Rao 2002-2003)**

175	The Foreigners (Amendment) Bill, 2000	2000
176	The Arbitration and conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2002	2001
177	Law Relating to Arrest	2001
178	Recommendations for amending various enactments, both civil and criminal	2001
179	Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers	2001
180	Article 20 (3) of the Constitution of India and Right to Silence	2002
181	Amendment to Section 106 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882	2002
182	Amendment of Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.	2002
183	A Continuum on the General Clauses Act, 1897 with special reference to the admissibility and codification of external aids to interpretation of statutes.	2002
184	Legal Education & Professional Training and Proposals for amendments to the Advocates Act, 1961 and the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.	2002
185	Review of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.	2003

**Seventeenth Law Commission**  
**(Chairman Mr. Justice M. Jagannadha Rao 2003-2006)**

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186	Proposal to Constitute Environment Courts	2003
187	Mode of Execution of Death Sentence and Incidental Matters	2003
188	The Proposals for Constitution of Hi-Tech Fast – Track Commercial Divisions in High Courts.	2003
189	Revision of Court Fees Structure	2004
190	The Revision of the Insurance Act, 1938 and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999	2004
191	Regulation of Funds collected for Calamity Relief.	2004
192	Prevention of vexatious Litigation.	2005
193	Transnational Litigation, Conflict of Laws, Law of Limitation.	2005
194	Verification of Stamp Duties and Registration of Arbitral Awards.	2005
195	The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2005	2006
196	Medical Treatment to Terminally Ill Patients (Protection of Patients and Medical Practitioners)	2006
197	Public Procecutor's Appointments.	2006
198	Witness Identity Protection and Witness Protection Programmes	2006
199	Unfair (Procedural and Substancive) Terms in Contracts	2006
200	Trial by Media : Free Speech Vs. Fair Trial Under Criminal Procedure (Amendments to the Contempt of Court Act, 1971)	2006
201	Medical Treatment after Accidents and During Emergency Medical Condition and Women in Labour	2006

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