

THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2006

NO. 6 OF 2006

[17th March, 2006.]

An Act further to amend the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1.

Short title.

1. Short title.-This Act may be called the Contempt of Courts (Amendment) Act, 2006.

2.

Substitution of new section for section 13.

2. Substitution of new section for section 13.-In the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 (70 of 1971), for section 13, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-

"13. Contempts not punishable in certain cases.-Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force,-

(a) no court shall impose a sentence under this Act for a contempt of court unless it is satisfied that the contempt is of such a nature that it substantially interferes, or tends substantially to interfere with the due course of justice;

(b) the court may permit, in any proceeding for contempt of court, justification by truth as a valid defence if it is satisfied that it is in public interest and the request for invoking the said defence is bona fide.'".

T. K. VISWANATHAN,

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