Enforcement of Laws by the Civil Servants - A Practitioner's Perspective.

Interaction with AIS/CCS OTs at MCRHRDIT

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# **Approach**

Case study method with a few laws

List of Laws is illustrative, not exhaustive

Teaching = Learning
Training = Learning TODO

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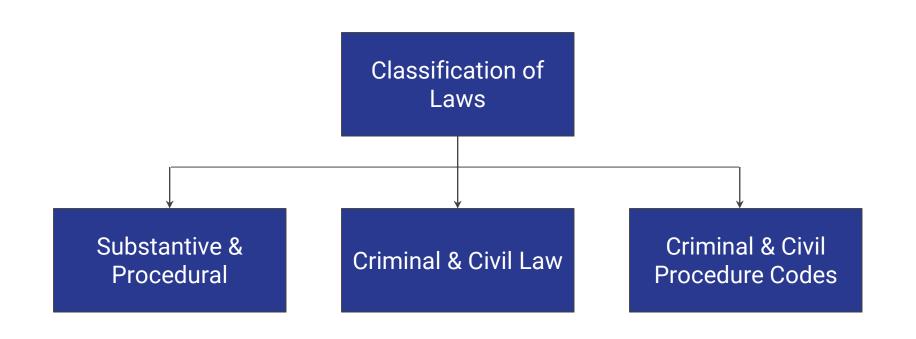
Laws are elastic.

They can be stretched, without subverting.

## **Enforcement of Criminal Laws**

Case of AP Gaming Act

 "While trying to save cocks, humans were killed"
(Judicial Commission)



## Perspective

- "Implementers are Civil Servants"
- ".. but he can and must iron out the creases"
- "to discover what the legislature intended"

#### **Criminal Laws**

IPC - Inherently Accused friendly? Why?

Range of Punishment. Upto 7 years or 5 years etc.

Why this discretion to Judicial officers?

### Cr PC

Welfare Provisions

 Section 125 Cr PC - leading to Supreme Court in Shah Bano case

#### **Welfare Laws**

Women Atrocities Enactments

SC/ST Atrocities - Statues

## **Land Transfer laws**

In Agency areas of the country

Chintapalli Case Study

## **Labour Laws**

SEZ Act

#### **Revenue Laws**

- Tax is a non penal law
- "But when the crop comes, give a fifth to the Pharaoh, the other 4/5th you may keep as seeds for the field and food for yourself"

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#### **Revenue Laws**

- Adam Smith Tax should be
  - a) proportionate to income or ability to pay
  - b) certain rather than arbitrary
  - c) payable at times and in ways convenient to tax payers
  - d) cheap to administer and collect

# **Prevention of Money Laundering Act**

Only Economic Angle, not from the terrorist angle

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# **Legal Metrology Laws**

1. Raid on Global Jewellery Expo at HICC

2. Inspection of a EOU - Continental Coffee Case

# **Another Case Study...**

- 1. The Indian Passport Act
- 2. Conflict in Date of Birth
- 3. Rules on the Subject
- 4. Decision of the RPO

#### **Another Use Case**

Pensionary benefits

Legal Heir?

Or Nominee.

Dilemma of the Competent Authority.

# **Ease of Doing Business**

1. Learning/Implementation of Laws should be permeated in this milieu

2. In sync with the Global Trends in the Global Village

# "Law is neither a literary text, nor a divine dispensation"

# "It is an instrument to serve the PUBLIC by the Public Servants"

## **THANK YOU!**

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