

The Contempt of Courts (Amendment) Act, 2006¹

[NO. 6 OF 2006]

[March 17, 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.—This Act may be called the **Contempt of Courts (Amendment) Act, 2006.**

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.”.
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1. Received the assent of the President on March 17, 2006 and published in the Gazette of India, Extra., Part II, Section 1