

THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1953.

[Act No. LXV OF 1953.]

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1953.

2. After section 124A of the Penal Code the following shall be inserted as section 124B, namely :—

“ 124B. Whcever—

- (a) knowingly or wilfully advocates, abets, advises, or teaches the duty, necessity, desirability, or propriety of overthrowing or destroying the organs of the Union or of its constituent units by force or violence or by the assassination of any officer of any such organ, or
- Advocating overthrow of the organs of the Union or of its constituent units by force.
- (b) knowingly or wilfully prints, publishes, edits, issues, circulates, sells, distributes, or publicly displays any written or printed matter which advocates, advises, or teaches the duty, necessity, desirability or propriety of overthrowing or destroying any such organ by force or violence, or
- (c) organizes or helps to organize any society, group, or assembly of persons who teach, advocate or encourage the overthrow or destruction of any such organ by force or violence, or
- (d) becomes a member of, or affiliates with any such society, group, or assembly of persons, knowing the purpose thereof,

shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to not less than three years and not more than ten years and shall also be liable to fine.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section, the term ‘ the organs of the Union or of its constituent units ’ means the organs of the Union or of its constituent units established by the Constitution of the Union of Burma.”

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3. In the Second Schedule of the Code of Criminal Procedure after the entries relating to section 124A the following entries relating to section 124B shall be inserted :—

Section	Offence	Whether Police may arrest without warrant or not	Whether a warrant or a summons shall ordinarily issue in the first instance	Whether bailable or not	Whether compoundable or not	Punishment under the Penal Code	By what Court triable
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
124B	Advocating overthrow of the organs of the Union or of its constituent units by force.	Shall not arrest without warrant.	Warrant	Not bailable.	Not compoundable.	Imprisonment of either description for 10 years and fine, the minimum being three years.	Court of Session.