



## The Punjab Borstal Act, 1926

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## PUNJAB ACT XI OF 1926

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## PUNJAB ACT XI OF 1926

**An Act to make provision for the establishment and regulation of Borstal Institutions in [Haryana] and for the detention and training of adolescent offenders therein.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the establishment and regulation of Borstal Institutions in [Haryana] and for the detention Preamble.

1. For the Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Gazette*, 1926, Part I, Pages 579-80, and for Proceedings in Council, see Punjab Legislative Council Debates, Volume IX-B, pages 1111-12. It came into force on 1st August, 1932.
2. See *Punjab Gazette*, 1926, pages 809-15.
3. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Gazette (Extra.)* 1964, Pages 935-37.
4. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Gazette (Extra.)* 1958, Page 546.
5. See *Haryana Government Gazette (Extra.)* dated 29th October, 1968.
6. Substituted for the word "Punjab" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.
7. For Statement of objects and reasons, see *Haryana Government Gazette (Extraordinary)* dated 24-2-1978, Page 200.

and training of adolescent offenders therein; and whereas the previous sanction of the Governor-General under sub-section (3) of section 80-A of the Government of India Act has been obtained; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Borstal Act, 1926.

(2) It extends to <sup>1</sup>[Haryana].

(3) It shall come into force <sup>2</sup>[in the principal territories] on such date as the <sup>3</sup>[State] Government may be notification appoint in this behalf <sup>2</sup>[and in the transferred territories on the 15th May, 1958.]

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(1) “Borstal Institution” means a place in which offenders may be detained under this Act and given such industrial training and other instruction and subjected to such disciplinary and moral influences as will conduce to their reformation;

(2) “detained” means detained in, and “detention” means “detention” in a Borstal Institution;

(3) “inmate” means any person ordered to be detained ;

(4) “offence” means—

(i) an offence punishable with transportation or rigorous imprisonment under the Indian Penal Code other than—

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(a) an offence punishable with death ;

(b) an offence punishable under Chapter V-A or Chapter VI of the said Code ;

1. Inserted by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

2. Inserted by *ibid.*

3. Substituted for the word “Provincial” by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

- III of 1867.           (ii) an offence punishable with imprisonment under the Public Gambling Act, 1867 ;
- I of 1878.           (iii) an offence punishable with imprisonment under the Opium Act, 1878;
- I of 1914.           (iv) an offence punishable with imprisonment under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914;
- (5) "officer" means an officer of a Borstal Institution appointed in such manner as may be prescribed ;
- (6) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made by the '[State] Government under the provisions of this Act ;
- (7) "security for good behaviour" means security or good behaviour otherwise than for political activities under section 109 or section 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898;
- (8) "Superintendent" means a Superintendent of a Borstal Institution appointed in such manner as may be prescribed.

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3. For the purposes of this Act the '[State] Government may establish one or more Borstal Institutions.

Establishment of Borstal Institutions.

4. (1) The '[State] Government shall appoint any person not being a police officer, to be Director of Borstal Institutions, and he shall exercise subject to the orders of the '[State] Government, general control and superintendence of all Borstal Institutions.

Appointment of Director of Borstal Institutions, officers and visiting committees.

(2) For every Borstal Institution the '[State] Government shall appoint a Superintendent, and such other officers as may be necessary.

(3) For every Borstal Institution a visiting committee shall be appointed in such manner as may be prescribed.

1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

Powers of courts to pass a sentence of detention in a Borstal Institution in the case of a convict under twenty-one years of age in lieu of transportation or rigorous imprisonment.

5. (1) When any male person less than twenty-one years of age is convicted of an offence by a court of Sessions, a Magistrate specially empowered under section 30 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, or a <sup>1</sup>[Judicial] Magistrate of the first class, or is ordered to give security for good behaviour and fails to give such security; and when by reason of his criminal habits or tendencies or associations with persons of bad character it is expedient in the opinion of the Judge or Magistrate, that he should be detained, such Judge or Magistrate may in lieu of passing a sentence of transportation or rigorous imprisonment, pass an order of detention for a term which shall not be less than two years and shall not exceed seven years when the order is passed by a court of Sessions or a Magistrate specially empowered under section 30 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and shall not be less than two years nor exceed three years, when the order is passed by a <sup>1</sup>[Judicial] Magistrate of the first class not so empowered.

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(2) When any <sup>1</sup>[Judicial] Magistrate, not empowered to pass such order, is of opinion that an offender convicted by him is a person in respect of whom such order should be passed in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) he may, without passing any sentence, record such opinion and submit his proceedings and forward the accused to the <sup>2</sup>[Chief Judicial Magistrate] to whom he is subordinate.

(3) The <sup>2</sup>[Chief Judicial Magistrate] to whom the proceedings are so submitted may make such further enquiry (if any) as he may deem fit and pass such order for the detention of the offender or such other sentence or order, as he might have passed if the trial had been held by him from its commencement.

Special powers of District Magistrates.

6. When any male person less than twenty-one years of age has been sentenced for an offence by a Magistrate to rigorous imprisonment, or when ordered by a Magistrate to give security, for good behaviour has failed to give such security, and has been committed to or confined in prison and no appeal has been preferred

1. Substituted by Punjab Act 25 of 1964.

2. Substituted for the words "District Magistrate" by Punjab Act 25 of 1964.

against such sentence or order within the time prescribed by law and when by reason of such person's criminal habits or tendencies or association with persons of bad character it is expedient, in the opinion of the District Magistrate, that he should be detained; the District Magistrate may order that such person shall in lieu of undergoing imprisonment be detained for a period not less than two years nor more than three years.

7. If it appears to the '[State] Government that any male person, less than twenty-one years of age, who, having been sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for an offence or having been committed to or confined in prison for failing to give security for good behaviour, is at the time of the commencement of this Act confined in the Lahore Borstal Jail, should for the reasons described in sub-section (1) of section 5 be detained, the '[State] Government may direct that he be detained for a period not exceeding the residue of his sentence or of the period for which security was required, as the case may be, provided that such order shall be subject as regards the period of detention to any order passed on appeal against or revision of the sentence or order of commitment or confinement in prison.

Detention of prisoners confined in the Lahore Borstal Jail.

8. Whenever it appears to the Superintendent of a Jail that any male person less than twenty-one years of age sentenced to transportation or rigorous imprisonment for an offence or committed to or confined in prison for failing to give security for good behaviour should for the reasons described in sub-section (1) of section 5 be detained, he shall cause such prisoner to be produced before the District Magistrate in whose jurisdiction the Jail is situated, and if the District Magistrate after making such enquiry as he may deem proper or as may be prescribed is satisfied that the prisoner should for the reasons described in the said sub-section be detained, he may order the prisoner to be removed from jail and detained for a period equal to the unexpired term of the transportation or imprisonment to which he was sentenced, or of the period for which security was required from him, as the case may be.

Power of Superintendent of Jail to present prisoner less than 21 years of age before District Magistrate for detention in a Borstal Institution.

9. No order shall be made under the provisions of section 8—

- (i) until the time allowed by law for the prisoner to appeal has expired or if an appeal has been preferred until such appeal has been finally decided; or

When action may not be taken under section 8.

1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.



(ii) if an application made on appeal or otherwise to have the sentence altered into an order of detention, has been rejected by an Appellate Court or the High Court; or

(iii) in the case of any person who has been sent to a Reformatory School in accordance with the provisions of the Reformatory Schools Act, 1897. VIII of 1897.

Application of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and the Indian Limitation Act, 1908, and provisions for appeal and revision.

10. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to appeal, reference and revision and articles 154 and 155 of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908 shall apply in the case of an order of detention passed under section 5 as if the order had been a sentence of imprisonment for the same period as the period for which detention was ordered.

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(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 423 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, when a person who at the time of his conviction was less than twenty-one years of age has been convicted of an offence or when such person on being ordered to furnish security for good behaviour has failed to furnish such security, an appellate court or the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision, may in pursuance of sub-section (1) and the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and after making such inquiry as it may deem fit alter a sentence of imprisonment or an order of commitment to prison under section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to an order of detention, if for reasons described in sub-section (1) of section 5, it considers such alteration expedient, and may alter an order of detention to a sentence of imprisonment or an order of commitment to prison under section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as the case may be, provided that the sentence of imprisonment, order of commitment or order of detention, shall not be in excess of the powers of the trial Magistrate or court.

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(3) Any person who has been ordered to be detained in a Borstal Institution under the provisions of section 6 for a period

1. Now see Limitation Act, 1963.

to expire after the term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced would expire had the orders not been passed may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (5), appeal to the Sessions Judge, and the Sessions Judge may either confirm the order or set it aside and restore the sentence of imprisonment or if the order is for more than two years reduce it to a term not shorter than two years nor shorter than the residue of imprisonment to which the offender was sentenced.

(4) Any person ordered by a Sessions Judge under the provisions of sub-section (3) to be detained for a period to expire after the term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced would expire had such order not been passed, may, subject to the provisions of sub-section (5), appeal within thirty days of the order to the High Court and the High Court may pass any such order as the Sessions Judge might have passed.

(5) An appeal shall not lie under sub-section (3), or sub-section (4) against a conviction or on any finding of fact but only on the ground that the order appealed against is illegal or unduly severe.

11. No person who has been previously detained for the whole period prescribed in an order of detention or who has been transferred to jail under section 20 of this Act, shall again be ordered to be detained.

No person who has been once detained to be detained again.

12. Any person detained for failure to furnish security shall be released on furnishing such security.

Release on furnishing security.

13. (1) Before passing an order of detention under this Act the Magistrate, District Magistrate or Court, as the case may be, shall enquire or cause enquiry to be made into the question of the age of the offender, and after taking such evidence (if any) as may be deemed necessary or proper shall record a finding thereon.

Enquiry to be made regarding the age of the offender before the passing of an order of detention.

(2) A similar enquiry shall be made and finding recorded by every Magistrate not empowered to pass an order of detention under this Act before submitting his proceedings and forwarding the accused to the District Magistrate as required by sub-section (2) of section 5 of this Act.

14. When any Magistrate, District Magistrate or Court orders an offender to be detained, he or it, as the case may be, shall record the grounds of his or its opinion that it is expedient that the offender be detained.

Magistrate to give grounds of his opinion before ordering detention.

Power to release  
on license.

15. Subject to any general or special directions of the '[State] Government the visiting committee with the sanction of the Director of Borstal Institutions may at any time after the expiration of one-third of the period of detention, or of two years, whichever is shorter, if satisfied that the inmate is likely to abstain from crime and lead a useful and industrious life, by license permit him to be discharged from the Borstal Institution on condition that he be placed under the supervision or authority of any <sup>2</sup>[Government officer] or (secular) institution or person or religious society (professing the same religion as the inmate) named in the license who may be willing to take charge of him. A license granted under this section shall be in force until the term for which the inmate was ordered to be detained has expired unless sooner suspended, revoked or forfeited.

Absence under  
license to be  
counted  
towards period  
of detention.

16. The time during which an inmate is absent under license from a Borstal Institution shall be reckoned as part of the period of detention.

Form of license.

17. Every license granted under the provisions of section 15 shall be in such form and shall contain such conditions as the '[State] Government may, by general or special order, direct.

Suspension and  
revocation of  
licenses.

18. Subject to any general or special directions of the '[State] Government, a license granted under section 15 may be suspended for a period not exceeding three months by the Superintendent of a Borstal Institution or revoked at any time by the visiting committee on the recommendation of the Director of Borstal Institutions. Where the license of any inmate has been suspended or revoked he shall return to the Borstal Institution and if he fails to do so he may be arrested without warrant and taken to the institution.

Penalty for  
escape.

19. If any inmate escapes from a Borstal Institution before the expiry of the period for which he was ordered to be detained or if any inmate absent on license from a Borstal Institution escapes from the supervision authority of any Government officer or (secular) institution or person or religious society in whose charge he was placed or fails on the suspension or revocation of his license to return to the Borstal Institution, he may on conviction by a magistrate be punished with

1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.
2. Substituted for the words "Servants of the Crown" by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951.

imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both, and his license shall be forfeited with effect from the date of his escape or failure to return, as the case may be.

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1898. An offence under this section shall be deemed to be a cognizable offence within the definition of that term in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

20. Where an inmate is reported to the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government by the visiting committee to be incorrigible or to be exercising a bad influence on the other inmates of the institution or is convicted under section 19 of this Act, or is reported by the Superintendent to have committed an offence which has been declared to be a major Borstal Institution offence by rules made by the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (14) of section 34 of this Act, the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government may commute the residue of the term of detention to such term of imprisonment of either description not exceeding such residue as the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government may direct, and may order the transfer of the inmate to any jail in <sup>2</sup>[Haryana] in order to complete the said term of imprisonment. Incorrigibles.

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1860. 21. Inmates who have been appointed as officers shall be deemed to be public servants within the definition of that term in the Indian Penal Code. Inmates appointed officer to be public servants.

22. An inmate when being taken to or from any Borstal Institution in which he may be lawfully detained or whenever he is working outside or is otherwise beyond the limits of any such Borstal Institution in or under the lawful custody or control of an officer belonging to such Borstal Institution shall be deemed to be under detention and shall be subject to all the same incidents as if he were actually in a Borstal Institution. Extra mural custody, control and employment of inmates.

23. Whoever, contrary to any rule under section 34, introduces or removes, or attempts by any means whatever to introduce or remove, into or from any Borstal Institution, or supplies or attempts to supply to any inmate outside the limits of such Institution any prohibited article, Penalty for introduction or removal of prohibited articles into or from Borstal Institutions and communication with inmates.

1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

2. Substituted for the words "Punjab" by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

and every officer of a Borstal Institution who contrary to any such rule, knowingly suffers any such articles to be introduced into or removed from any Borstal Institution to be possessed by any inmate, or to be supplied to any inmate outside the limits of Borstal Institution,

and whoever contrary to any such rule communicates or attempts to communicate with any inmate,

and whoever abets any offence made punishable by this section,

shall on conviction [\* \* \* \*] be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to fine not exceeding two hundred rupees or to both.

Power to arrest for offences under section 23.

24. When any person, in the presence of any officer of a Borstal Institution commits any offence specified in the foregoing section, and refuses on demand of such officer to state his name and residence, or gives a name or residence which such officer knows, or has reason to believe, to be false, such officer may arrest him, and shall without unnecessary delay make him over to a police-officer, and thereupon such police-officer shall proceed as if the offence had been committed in his presence.

Publication of penalties.

25. The Superintendent shall cause to be affixed, in a conspicuous place, outside the Borstal Institution, a notice in English and the Vernacular setting forth the acts prohibited under section 23 and the penalties incurred by their commission.

Officer-in charge of Borstal Institutions to detain persons duly committed to their custody.

26. The officer-in-charge of a Borstal Institution shall receive and detain all persons duly committed to his custody under this Act according to the directions contained in the order by which such person has been committed or until such person is discharged or removed in due course of law.

Officers-in-charge of Borstal Institutions to return orders, etc., after execution or discharge.

27. The officer-in-charge of a Borstal Institution shall forthwith, after the execution of every such order as aforesaid or after the discharge of the person committed thereby, return such order to the Magistrate, District Magistrate or Court by which the same was issued or made, together with a certificate endorsed thereon and signed by him, showing how the same has been executed or why the person committed thereby has been discharged from detention before the execution thereof.

1. The words "before Magistrate" omitted by Punjab Act 25 of 1964.

[28. Officers-in-charge of Borstal Institution may give effect to any order for the detention of any person passed or issued-

- (a) by any Court or Tribunal in a Part A State or a Part C State; or
- (b) by any Court or Tribunal outside India acting under the authority of the Central Government ; or
- (c) by any Court or Tribunal in a Part B State if the reception and detention in the <sup>2</sup>[Haryana] of person ordered to be detained by such Court or Tribunal is authorized by the State Government by a general or special order ; or
- (d) before the 26th January, 1950, by any Court or Tribunal in any acceding State if---
  - (i) the presiding Judge or, if the Court or Tribunal consisted of two or more Judges, at least one of the Judges, was an officer of the Government authorized to sit as such Judge by the State or the Ruler thereof or by the Central Government ; and
  - (ii) the reception or detention in the Province of persons detained by any such Court or Tribunal has been authorized by general or special order by the Provincial Government.]

Powers for officers-in-charge of Borstal Institutions to give effect to orders of certain courts.

29. An order under the official signature of an officer of such Court or Tribunal as is referred to in section 28 shall be sufficient authority for detaining any person, in pursuance of the order passed upon him.

Warrant of officers of such Courts to be sufficient authority.

30. (1) Where an officer-in-charge of a Borstal Institution doubts the legality of an order sent to him for execution, or the competency of the person whose official seal or signature is affixed thereto to pass the order he shall refer the matter to the <sup>3</sup>[State] Government by whose order on the case he and all other public officers shall be guided as to the future disposal of the inmate.

Procedure where officer-in-charge of Borstal Institution doubts the legality of order sent to him for execution.

1. Substituted for the old section by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, of 1951.

Note :— The old section had been partly amended by the Indian Independence (Adaptation of Bengal and Punjab Acts) Order of 1948 (G.G.O. 40).

2. Substituted for the word "Punjab" by Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

3. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

(2) Pending a reference made under sub-section (1), the inmate shall be detained in such manner, and with such restrictions or mitigations as may be specified in the warrant order.

Lunatic  
inmates, how  
to be dealt  
with.

31. (1) Where it appears to the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government that any person detained under any order is of unsound mind, the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government may order his removal to a lunatic asylum or other place of safe custody within the <sup>2</sup>[State], there to be kept and treated as the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government directs during the remainder of the term for which he has been ordered to be detained or, if on the expiration of that term it is certified by a medical officer that it is necessary for the safety of the inmate or others that he should be further detained under medical care or treatment, then until he is discharged according to law.

(2) where it appears to the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government that an inmate so kept and treated has become of sound mind, the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government shall, by a warrant directed to the person having charge of the inmate, if still liable to be detained, remand him to the Borstal Institution from which he was removed, or to another Borstal Institution within the <sup>2</sup>[State] or, if he is no longer liable to be detained, order him to be discharged.

(3) The provisions of section 31 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912, shall apply to every person confined in a lunatic asylum under sub-section (1) after the expiration of the term for which he was ordered to be detained ; and the time during which an inmate is confined in a lunatic asylum under that sub-section shall be reckoned as part of the term of detention which he may have been ordered to undergo. IV of 1912.

(4) In any case in which a <sup>1</sup>[State] Government is competent under sub-section (1) to order the removal of an inmate to a lunatic asylum or other place of safe custody within the <sup>2</sup>[State], the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government may order his removal to any such asylum or place

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1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.
  2. Substituted for the word "Province" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

within <sup>1</sup>[any other State] by agreement with <sup>2</sup>[the Government of such other State] and the provisions of this section respecting the custody, detention, remand and discharge of an inmate removed under sub-section (1) shall, so far as they can be made applicable, apply to an inmate removed under this sub-section.

IX of 1894. 32. Subject to the provision of section 33 of this Act, the provisions of section 12 and Chapter XI of the Prisons Act, 1894 and of sections 35 to 50 (inclusive) and the rules made by the <sup>1</sup>[State] Government, <sup>3</sup>[ \* \* \* \* \* ] under section 51 of the Prisoners Act, 1900, shall apply as far as may be to Borstal Institutions established under this Act, and all reference to prisoners, imprisonment or confinement in the said sections, chapters and rules shall be construed as referring to inmates, Borstal Institutions and detention.

Application to Borstal Institution of certain provisions of the Prisons Act, 1894 and the Prisoners Act, 1900.

<sup>4</sup>[32A. (1) The State Government or any officer authorized by it in this behalf may direct any inmate to be transferred from any Borstal Institution within the State to any Borstal Institution or any institution of the like nature in any other State to which he belongs, with the consent of the Government of that State or any officer authorized in this behalf by that State Government.

Transfer of inmates to other State and vice versa.

(2) The State Government or any officer authorized by it in this behalf may, by general or special order, provide for the reception in a Borstal Institution within the State of an inmate belonging to the State of Haryana from the Borstal Institution or an institution of the like nature in any other State where the Government of that State or any officer authorized in this behalf by that State Government makes an order for such transfer, and upon such

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1. Substituted for the words "any other Province or within any Indian State" by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order, 1951.
  2. Substituted for the words " the Government of such other Province or with that State or the Ruler thereof, as the case may be," by the Adaptation of Laws (Third Amendment) Order of 1951.
  3. The words "or the Governor General" were omitted by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937.
  4. Inserted by Haryana Act 11 of 1978.



transfer the provisions of this Act shall apply to such inmate as if he had been originally ordered to be detained under this Act.]

How punishment of whipping may be inflicted on an inmate.

33. For the purpose of punishing Borstal Institution offences, whipping shall be inflicted upon the palm of the hand only.

Power to make rules under the Act.

34. The [State] Government may make rules after previous publication consistent with this Act—

- (1) for the regulation, management and classification of Borstal Institutions established under this Act and the description and construction of wards, cells and other places of detention ;
- (2) for the regulation by number or otherwise of the inmates to be detained in each class of institution ;
- (3) for defining the powers and duties of the Director of Borstal Institutions ;
- (4) for the Government of Borstal Institutions, and the appointment, guidance, control, punishment and dismissal of Superintendents and other officers employed in Borstal Institutions, and for the defining of their responsibilities, duties, disabilities and powers ;
- (5) for the maintenance of records, and the preparation and submission of reports ;
- (6) for the selection and appointment of inmates as inmate officers and their reduction and dismissal and for defining the responsibilities, duties and powers of such officers ;
- (7) for the temporary detention of inmates until arrangements can be made for their admission to Borstal Institutions ;
- (8) for the admission, removal and discharge of inmates and for the disposal of their effects during their detention ;
- (9) for feeding, clothing and bedding of inmates ;
- (10) for the custody, discipline, grading, treatment, education, training and control of inmates ;

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1. Substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

- (11) for the employment, instruction and control of inmates within or without Borstal Institutions, the disposal of the proceeds of their labour ;
- (12) for the treatment of sick inmates ;
- (13) for classifying and prescribing the forms of education, instruction, employment and labour and regulating the periods of rest ;
- (14) (i) for defining the acts, which shall constitute Borstal Institution offences ;
- (ii) for determining the classification of Borstal institution offences into major and minor offences ;
- (iii) for fixing the punishment admissible under this Act which shall be awardable for commission of Borstal Institution offences or classes thereof ;
- (iv) for declaring the circumstances in which acts constituting both a Borstal Institution offence and an offence under the Indian Penal Code may or may not be dealt with as Borstal Institution offence ;
- (v) for the award of marks and the shortening of periods of detention ;
- (vi) for regulating the use of arms against any inmate or body of inmates and the use of fetters in the case of an outbreak or attempt to escape ;
- (vii) for defining the circumstances and regulating the conditions under which inmates in danger of death may be released ;
- (viii) for regulating the transfer from one part of [the whole of India except Part B States] to another of inmates whose term of detention is about to expire ;
- (15) for defining articles the introduction or removal of which into or out of Borstal Institutions without due authority is prohibited ;
- (16) for the classification and the separation of inmates ;
- (17) for rewards for good conduct ;

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- (18) for regulating the transfer of inmates from one Borstal Institution to another or to an hospital or asylum and from a Borstal Institution to a prison or from a prison or to a borstal Institution ;
- (19) for the treatment, transfer and disposal of criminal lunatics or recovered criminal lunatics, confined in Borstal Institutions ;
- (20) for regulating the transmission of appeals and petitions from inmates and their communications with their friends ;
- (21) for the appointment and guidance of visitors of Borstal Institutions ;
- (22) for prescribing conditions on which licenses may be granted, suspended, revoked or cancelled ;
- (23) for the appointment, powers and control of parole officers;
- (24) for defining the powers and duties of after care societies and guardians and the conditions on which financial assistance may be given to them ;
- (25) for the appointment of visiting committees ; and
- (26) generally for all purposes consistent with this Act.

35. The [State] Government after giving by notification in the Official Gazette not less than three months notice of its intention to do so may, by like notification—

- (1) direct that the provisions of sections 5, 6 and 8 shall extend to persons under such age not less than twenty-one nor more than twenty-three as may be specified in the direction and upon such direction being notified the said sections shall whilst the direction is in force have effect as if the specified age were substituted for twenty-one;
- (2) direct that the provisions of sections 5, 6 and 8 shall extend to females, and upon such direction being notified the said sections shall whilst the direction is in force have effect as if the word "male" were omitted.

36. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (2) of section 35 the punishment of whipping shall not at any time be inflicted upon a female for a Borstal Institution offence.

Power of the State Government to vary age limit, and to apply the Act to females.

Whipping not to be inflicted on females.

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