

EXAMPLE OF INTERPRETATION

BANGLADESH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1898

ORIGINAL TEXT FOR LITERAL OR GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION

33. Power of Magistrates to sentence to imprisonment in default of fine

(1) The Court of any Magistrate may award such terms of imprisonment in default of payment of fine as is authorized by law in case of such default:

Proviso as to certain cases: Provided that-

(a) the term is not in excess of the Magistrate's powers under this Code;

(b) in any case decided by a Magistrate where imprisonment has been awarded as part of the substantive sentence, the period of imprisonment awarded in default of payment of the fine shall not exceed one-fourth of the period of imprisonment which such Magistrate is competent to inflict as punishment for the offence otherwise than as imprisonment in default of payment of the fine.

(2) The imprisonment awarded under this section may be in addition to a substantive sentence of imprisonment for the maximum term awardable by the Magistrate under section 32.

CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSES IN SECTION 33

1. (1) the Court of any Magistrate may award such terms of imprisonment in default of payment of fine (*Main clause*)
2. as are authorized by law in case of such default (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "such terms" in 1*)
3. **proviso as to certain cases** : provided that- (a) the term is not in excess of the Magistrate's powers under this Code (*Adverb clause of condition, modifying, "may award" in 1*)
4. provided that (**b**) in any case decided by a Magistrate, the period of imprisonment awarded in default of payment of the fine shall not exceed one-fourth of the period of imprisonment (*Adverb clause of exception, modifying, "may award" in 1, coordinate to 3*)
5. where imprisonment has been awarded as part of the substantive (*Adverb clause of place, modifying, "shall (not) exceed" in 4*)
6. which such Magistrate is competent to inflict as punishment for the offence otherwise than as imprisonment in default of payment of the fine (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "the period of imprisonment" in 4*)

7. (2) the imprisonment awarded under this section may be in addition to a substantive sentence of imprisonment for the maximum term. (*Main cause*)
8. which is awardable by the Magistrate under section 32 (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "maximum term" in 7*)

CLASSIFICATION OF SECTION 33: It contains two main clauses and six subordinate clauses