

Criminal law – Surety Verification – Identification by Aadhar – Judicial notice of illegal charges and harassment by persons identifying sureties (Lambardars, Ward Members) – Direction issued that verification of surety's identity through Aadhar/MAADHAR app is sufficient and foolproof – Investigating Officers/Courts shall not insist on verification by Lambardar/Ward Members etc. unless Aadhar identification is not available – Aim to plug loophole of illicit service charges – Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), Sections 485(4), 486, 491, 492

Criminal law – Surety Bond – Indigent Accused – Where accused unable to furnish surety, concerned Officer/Court empowered to reduce bond amount or exempt surety bond upon satisfaction of inability – Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), Sections 485(4), 486, 491, 492

Registration of Documents – Identification – Registering power of attorneys, sale deeds and other documents – If the government officers verify the witnesses and the executants through MAADHAR, it would certainly reduce the fraudulent transactions – Order sent to the Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana and Administrator of Chandigarh and all courts.

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