



When the word “may” shall mean “shall”? “Principles of Statutory Interpretation”, 14th Edition – Justice G.P. Singh while considering the enabling words ‘may’ explained the following principles of interpretation:- “(K) Enabling words, e.g., ‘may’, ‘it shall be lawful’, ‘shall have power’. Power Coupled with duty Ordinarily, the words ‘May’ and ‘It shall be lawful’ are not words...

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