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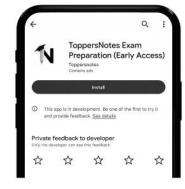
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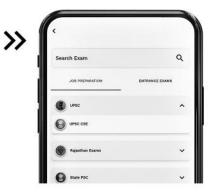
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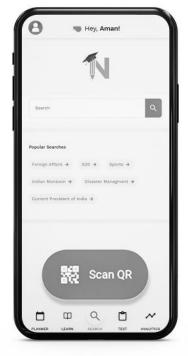
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# The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

Act No. 5 of 1908

Assent: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1908
Enforce: 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1908

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O16 = Summon of Witness

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O18 = Hearing

O19 = Affidavit

O20 = Judgment and Decree

O20A = Cost

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#### Part-III [Incidental Proceedings (O22-51)]

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O23 = Withdrawal and Adjustment

O24 = Payment in Court

O25 = Security of Cost

O26 = Commission

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O27A = Constitution

O28 = Army

O29 = Corporation

O30 = Firm/Hindu Undivided Family

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O32A = Family

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#### Q. What is the object of CPC?

**Ans.** An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the procedure of the courts of civil Judicature.

There were many amendments, so there is a history of CPC also.

Act no. 8, 1859

Act no. 10, 1877

Act no. 14, 1882

Presently Act no. 5, 1908

In present CPC also has various amendments including Mali math Committee.

- i. Act no. 104, 1976
- ii. Act no. 46, 1999
- iii. Act no. 22, 2002
- iv. Act no. 4, 2016 (Commercial courts for Rs. 1 Cr. Or more)
- v. Act no. 28, 2018 (Amendment in commercial courts)
  - o Now CPC apply in J and K also Schedule 5 entry 8 of J and K reorganization Act, 2019.
  - o It has prospective effect and not retrospective effect.

#### Q. Where CPC doesn't apply?

Ans. Sec 1 Not apply on J and K (Now apply refer J and K reorganization Act, 2019)



- · Not apply to the tribal areas and Nagaland
- Tribal area = such area which before 31 Jan, 1992 was tribal area of Assam, as referred in Para 20 of the sixth Schedule of the constitution.

Wherever following matter there CPC shall apply along with local laws:

- a. Amindivi Island
- b. East Godavari
- c. West Godavari and Vishakhapatnam agencies.
- d. In state of AP (Andhra Pradesh)
- e. Lakshadweep
  - Consent of Governor General 21 Mar 1908
  - Came into force 1 Jan1908.

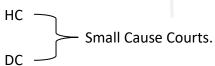
Sec 4: wherever special law, local law or special proceedings CPC shall not apply.

• Wherever any landholder or landlord reveres rent from the produce of land then CPC shall not apply for his remedies.

<u>Sec 5</u>: wherever matter certain to revenue courts then CPC shall apply only when special procedures (Act) are silent.

- SC can issue notification that the provisions of CPC apply with or without modification.
- Revenue court does follow; court having jurisdiction under any local law to entertain suit or other
  proceedings relating to the rent revenue or profits of land used for agriculture purposes but does not
  include a civil court having original jurisdiction under this code. (CPC does not apply)
- If provisions of revenue courts are silent then CPC apply.
   Revenue court-Raj Land Revenue Act, Raj, Tenancy Act.

<u>Sec 3</u>: District court is subordinate to HC and every civil court of Inferior grade i.e., small because court subordinate to DC & HC. 4 other courts are also subordinate to DC or HC.



Tribunals are created to reduce the burden of courts, they perform the quasi- judicial function and can excise only certain powers under CPC & CrPC. They are headed by judicial officer which doesn't make it a Court.

#### Q. What do you understand by jurisdiction?

#### Ans.

- a. Subject Wise: (Family Courts, Raj Appellate Tribunal)
- b. Territorial Jurisdiction (15-25)
- c. Pecuniary Jurisdiction (Sec 6)
  - i. Civil Judge- O 2 Lakh
  - ii. Senior Civil Judge 2 5 Lakh
  - iii. District Judge 5 Lakhs or more
- d. Original or Appellate Jurisdiction



#### Sec 2: Definitions

- i. Code
- ii. Decree
- iii. Decree holder
- iv. District
- v. Foreign Court
- vi. Foreign Judgment
- vii. Govt. Pleader
- viii. A. High Court
- ix. B. India
- x. Judge
- xi. Judgment
- xii. Judgment Debtor
- xiii. Legal Representative
- xiv. Mesne profit
- xv. Moveable Property
- xvi. Order
- xvii. Pleader
- xviii. Prescribed
- xix. Public Officer
- xx. Rules
- xxi. Share in-corporation
- xxii. Signed
- xxiii. Public officer: means an person falling under any of the following descriptions namely.
  - a. Every Judge
  - b. Every member of all India Service.
  - c. Army
  - d. Officer of Court
  - e. Confine person (Police)
  - f. Information of offence and Protect health safety (CID/Doctor)
  - g. Revenue
  - h. Any person who is in pay or remuneration by govt. or perform public duty.

Legal Representative			
De Jure	De Facto	National LR	
Such person who is law	Such person who intermeddles	Such person where suit is of	
represents the estate of a	(interfere) with the property of	representative character then to	
deceased person.	the deceased.	whom estate evolves. Eg: Labor	
		Union Vice President.	

Mesne Profit: Such benefit which was received by person having wrongful possession.

- Such property actually received, or person could have received by ordinary diligence.
  - o Different from sec 144; there possession is rightful. (Lower court gave different judgment.)
- It doesn't include improvements (MP = Profit + Interest Improvements.)



#### **Decree**: Formal expression of adjudication

- Which conclusively determine the rights of parties.
- With regard to all or any matter of controversy in a suit.
- It is preliminary or final.
- It includes following things 'Dined Decree'.
  - a. Rejection of Plaint (O7, R11)
  - b. Question under sec 144
  - c. It excludes following things:
    - (i) Appeal from orders (O43, sec 104-106)
    - (ii) Order of dismissal for default.

Formal Expression: Court shall specifically state whether relief is granted or not.

Adjudication: Court has used its discretion, where there is discretion there are following things: -

- (a) Heard both the parties.
- (b) Judgment is on merit.
- Decision: May be on merit or may not be on merit.

Adjudication - Decree

Decision - Order

- Conclusively Determines: That judgment is final. (If aggrieved, go to higher authorities)
- Suit: Decree on suit and not on application, but there are exceptions:
  - i. By indigent person
  - ii. Where application of arbitration is rejected.
  - iii. Order 36 Rule 3 (Special matter)
- Hansraj Gupta Vs official liquidator Dehradun
  - o General rule is that civil proceedings are instituted by presentation of plaint.
- Venkata Reddyvs Patties Reddy
  - Wherever in decree there is adjudication then there pleading of parties shall be seen and proceedings of court.

#### Decree is of two types

	Preliminary Decree		Final Decree
a.	Wherever shares of parties are determined	a.	Wherever rights of parties are determined
b.	Further proceedings are required.		completely.
c.	Preliminary decree can be more than one.	b.	Finally decided.
d.	Preliminary not dependent on final decree.	c.	Final decree is only one.
		d.	Dependent on preliminary decree i.e., if
			preliminary is to set aside then final decree
			also set aside.

**Sec 97**: Appeal from final decree where no appeal from preliminary decree:

• If preliminary decree is not appealed, then later on an appeal of final decree there shall be no objection.

#### **Shankar Vs Chandrakant**

 In preliminary decree right and duties of parties are determined but further proceedings are required.



#### Q. Can there be partly preliminary and partly final decree?

**Ans.** Yes, suit for possession or mesne profit.

Deemed Decree: Such orders which are just like decree but principle of res judicata not apply E.g.: (07.R.11)

- CIT Vs Bombay Trust Corporation
- It is not decree but treated as decree.

Order: Means the formal expression of any decision of a civil court which is not a decree.

Decree 2 (2)	Order 2 (14)
Formal expression of adjudication.	Formal expression of decision
Conclusively determines the rights of parties.	May or may not conclusively determine.
Right of first appeal.	No appeal except appeal lie as appeal of order
There can be second appeal.	(D43, Sec 104 105)
There is one final decree.	No second appeal
Decree is of two types.	Application itself
	Any number of orders.
	No types.

Decree		
What is included	What is excluded	
Order of at a abatement of suit	Dismiss in default	
• Appeal which is time barred and dismissed.	Appointment of Commission	
• Where there is no cause of action.	Temporary Injunction.	
<ul><li>Sec 92 of (PC [Public Nuisance])</li></ul>	Return of plaint.	
E.g.: Right to sue ends	O23 R1, Withdrawal and adjustment.	

#### Q. What is judgment?

Ans. Sec2 (ix): Statement of any judge on the grounds of decree or order (Refer O20 R4)

Judgment General	Judgment of Small Cause Court.
a. Concise statement of the case.	It contains only
b. Points for determination.	a. Points of determination.
c. The Decision.	b. Decision
d. Reason of decision	

Decree holder	Judgement Debtor
Such person in whose favor decree is passed.	Such person against who decree is passed.
Order capable of execution is passed.	Order capable of execution is passed.
Person also includes mortgagee	Person also includes Guarantor

A Vs B (Winning)
(Judgment Debtor) (Judgment Holder)

<u>Rules</u>: Means rules and forms contained in the first schedule and made under section 122 or 125. Share in corporation: Includes stock debenture-stock, debentures, or bonds.



**Signed**: Save in the case of a judgment or decree, includes stamp.

<u>Pleader</u>: Means any person entitled to appear and plead for another in court, and includes an advocate, a Vakil or an attorney of high court.

**Prescribed**: Means prescribed by rules.

Code: includes rules

<u>District</u>: Means the local limits of the jurisdiction of a principal civil court or original jurisdiction (DC) and includes the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of a HC.

Foreign Court: Means

A court situated outside India and not established or continued by the authority of the central govt.

**<u>Foreign</u>**: Judgment: Means the judgment of a foreign court.

<u>Government Pleader</u>: Includes any officer appointed by the state govt. to perform all or any of the function expressly imposed by this code &also any pleader acting under the direction of the govt. pleader.

High Court: In relation to Andaman and Nicobar Islands means the High Court in Calcutta

**India**: Means the territory of India excluding J and K.

<u>Judge</u>: Means the presiding of officer of a civil court.

Movable property: Includes growing crops.

#### Q. What do you understand by civil nature suits?

Ans. Sec 9: Courts to try all civil suits unless barred except

- a. Expressly barred (Refer Sec 4 and 5)
- b. Impliedly barred (Refer Arbitration clause which is by consent of parties).

**Explanation 1**: Wherever matter is of right of property or office then it shall be of civil nature then although such right is based on religious rites and ceremonies.

**Explanation 2**: It is immaterial that such post is attached with fees or particular place.

- Wherever matter is of civil nature or not then we have to see rights and liabilities.
   If matter is of civil nature and rights are infringed then compensation shall be given.
- A.R Anatulay Vs R.S. Nayak
   By consent of parties nobody can be given jurisdiction.
- Most Rev. PMA MNetropolitan Vs Moran Mar Marthoma
   In sec 9, the civil nature given is both positive as well as negative.
- Firm seth Radha Krishan Vs Administrator Municipality Committee Ludhiana
   In sec 9, all types of matters shall be considered civil matters except impliedly or expressly barred.
- Dhulabhai Vs State of M.P.
  - Civil courts are exclusively barred by special tribunals and special provisions in enactment and special lights.
- Premier Automobile Vs Kamlakar Shautarm
- RSRTC Vs Krishnakant
- Chandrakant Vs Municipal Corporation of Ahmadabad
   In all the three cases matter pertain to Industrial Dispute Act and Jurisdiction of civil Court.
   Court held ID Act is a special provision and civil courts have no jurisdiction.

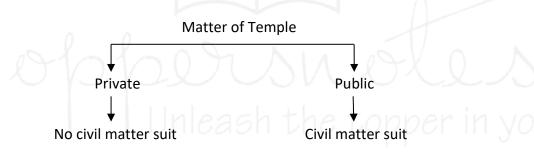


#### Following things considered in civil matter-

- 1. Where main question relates to civil nature (rights) although it depends on religious question.
- 2. Injuria sine Dammam (Injury without damage)
- 3. Right to property.
- 4. On breach of contract.
- 5. Compensation
- 6. Right to Worship
- 7. Right to divorce
- 8. Right to procession
- 9. Right to specific performance
- 10. Right to Brig Gij Mani
- 11. Right to divisible of property inheritance.

#### No civil nature suit-

- 1. Purely religious matter.
- 2. Purely custom
- 3. Caste related question
- 4. Personal matter
- 5. Political matter
- 6. Internal question (indoor management)
- 7. Wherever matter is of priest, pujari



#### Sec 10: Res Subjudice

- Directly and Substantial Same (100%) (99.99%)
- Same title or litigating under the same title.

#### A vs. B

#### B is dead

#### A vs. LR of B

	Res Subjudice	Res Judicata
1.	Sec 10	• Sec 11
	<ul> <li>Pending in court</li> </ul>	Sec 12 (In orders)
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> case is pending 2 <sup>nd</sup> case stay i.e.,	Sec 13, 14 foreign judgments
	proceeding stops.	1. 1 <sup>st</sup> case is decided 2 <sup>nd</sup> case is dismissed i.e.,
3.	Here institution is seen for that order sheet	matter ends.
	shall be seen.	2. Judgment is seen.
4.	Not apply to foreign judgment.	3. Apply (Sec 13, 14)



E.g.: Res Subjudice

#### A vs. B (divorce case)

Kota

Case filed 10-6-2020

Jaipur

15-6-2020

Notice and Then reply.

In practical res subjudice and res judicata is taken as objection.

Reply + annexure (order sheet) that case is first instituted in Kota.

Res Subjudice: No court shall proceed (stay) with the trial in any suit If;

- a. Matter in issue is directly and substantially same.
- b. Between the same parties or parties litigating under the same title.
- c. If there is a previous suit instituted and suit is pending.
  - (i) In the same court
  - (ii) Other court within jurisdiction in India.
  - (iii) Any other court beyond the limits of India but established or continued by CG or Supreme Court.
- Not apply on foreign court.
- This is mandatory i.e. court must adapt it there is no discretion.
- Life Pharmaceuticals Ltd vs. Bengal Medical Hall.
   The application u/s 10 can be in any stage.
- V. P. Samnadhi (RE)
   It applies or applicable in appeal or revision also.

#### Sec 11: Res Judicata

No court shall try any suit or issue if

- a. Matter in issue is directly or substantially same.
- Between the same parties or parties litigating under the same title.
   In any former suit.

Court is competent to try such subsequent suit or in former suit the matter was heard and finally decided by such court.

#### Ex. 1: Former Suit

Such suit which is first decided irrespective of when instituted.

- **Ex. 2**: Wherever there is competence of court then it shall be determined that right to appeal is immaterial.
- **Ex. 3**: Wherever matter that shall be alleged by one party and denied or admitted by another.
- **Ex. 4**: Might or Ought (Constructive Res Judicata)

If any matter might and ought to be made a ground of defense or attack, then it shall be deemed too that it was made.

**Ex. 5**: Deemed to have been refused:

Wherever any relief is not given expressly then it shall be considered that is refused.

#### **Ex. 6**: Representative suit

Wherever any person litigate bonafidely for public or private right and right is common for several people and all persons are interested then it shall be deemed that suit is by person claiming under litigation. If representative suit, then on all person's res-judicata shall apply.



#### Ex. 7: Execution

Apply on execution proceedings also.

#### Ex. 8: Limited Jurisdiction

Wherever any matter is finally heard or decided by court of limited. Jurisdiction then res judicata applies in subsequent suit although court of limited jurisdiction is not competent to hear subsequent suit.

We must go in past tense to see jurisdiction.

#### Section 12: Bar to further suit

Where a plaintiff is precluded by rules from instituting suit in respect of a particular cause of action, he shall not be entitled to institute a suit in respect of such cause of action in any court (res Judicata or Other places):

- a. Section 21A
- b. Section 47 (1)
- c. Section 95 (2)
- d. Section 144 (2)
- e. O2 R2
- f. 09 R9
- g. O11 R21
- h. O22 R9
- i. O23 R1 (1)
- j. O23 R1 (3)
- k. O23 R3A

#### Q. The general rule is res judicata applies on foreign judgment? Is there any exception?

**Ans.** Sec 13: Foreign judgment shall not be conclusive if:

- a. Not by competent court
- b. Not on merit
- c. Incorrect view of International low or refuse to recognize law of India.
- d. Fraud
- e. Opposed to natural justice
- f. Founded on breach of law of India.

#### **Sec14**: Presumption as to foreign judgment.

Wherever certified copies of foreign judgment are given then court shall presume that it was presented by court of competent jurisdiction.

- Res Judicata is mandatory.
- The Principle of Res Judicata is based on 3 Latin Maxims:
  - a. Nemo Debit VisVexari Pro Una ET Eadam Causa which means no person shall be vexed te for the same cause.
  - b. Res Judicata Pro Vitiate Occipitur which means judicial division is always considered correct.
  - c. Interest Republicae ut sit Finis Litium which means it is in the interest of state.



#### **Duchess of Kingston**

- The principal of res judicata came into existence.
- Sir William de Grey propounded this principle that concurrent court should not have adverse finding.
- V. Rajeshwari Vs P.C. Sarwanbhawa

The rule of res judicata is related to the rule of record in estoppels.

• T.V. SheshyyaVs T. K. Rao

Section 11 is Mandatory.

• Narayan Chettyar Vs Anamalaya Chettiar

This law is not extensive i.e., it can be extended.

S. Singh Vs Ramanand Singh

It can be extended in public interest No strict interpretation shall be there.

• Amalgated cold field Ltd Vs Janapada

Matter should be directly and substantially same.

- Workmen Vs Board of Trustee
- State of UP Vs Nawab Hussain

In both the cases constructive res judicata was explained.

• Ganga Bai Vs Chabubai

Directly and substantially was explained.

Pandit Exhwar Dat Vs State of MP

It is not necessary that parties must be same if they are litigating under the same title then also considered party.

Munnibibi Vs Triloki Nath

Res judicata applies on codefendant also, if conditions are fulfilled.

Gulab Chand ChoteLanl Pareek Vs State of Gujarat.

In this case, decision of constructive res judicata in writs.

- Devi Lal Vs Sale Tax officer
- Daryav Vs State of UP

Now in writs, also principal of re judicata apply.

• Mohan Lal Goenka Vs Binoy Krishan

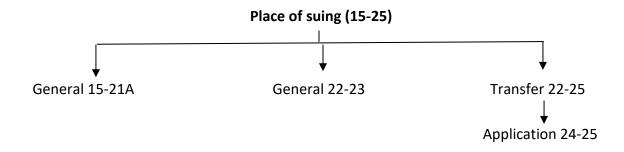
In execution proceedings also res judicata apply.

Forward Constructive co Vs Prabhat Mandal

Apply in PIL also.

- Carter of Indian Trade Union Vs UOI
- Bhakta Ram Vs state of Rajasthan

The principal of res judicata is universal.





#### Q. What do you understand by place of suing?

#### Ans.

IS (Court of lowest Grade)			
16	17	18	19
Immoveable property	Different Jurisdiction	Uncertain	Person/Moveable Property

20	21	21A
Various Defendant	Objection	Res Judicata

Sec 15: Every suit shall be instituted in court of lowest jurisdiction which is competent to try.

- If court of higher jurisdiction did then irregular.
- If Court of lower jurisdiction did trial, then it shall be void.

Sec 16: Wherever matter of Immoveable property.

- a. Restoration of property with or without rent or profit.
- b. Partition of Immoveable property.
- c. Mortgage, foreclosure, redeems sale and charge.
- d. Other right which is in immoveable property.
- e. Any wrong to immoveable property.
- f. Recovery of moveable property which is in distraint or attachment.

Then jurisdiction of that court where property is situated

Wherever matter is of personal obedience then following jurisdiction.

- a. Where property is situated.
- b. Where defendant resides, carries on business or personally works for gain.

Sec 17: Wherever immoveable property in various jurisdiction.

Alwar



Then any court can hear the matter which has jurisdiction.

<u>Section18</u>: Wherever it is uncertain that which court shall have jurisdiction then any court after asserting reason can try the suit.

- Wherever there is any objection in appellate and revision court then such court shall see following things:
  - a. What is the uncertainty?
  - b. Whether there is failure of justice?

<u>Sec 19</u>: Wherever matter is of body or any wrong done to the moveable property then following court shall have jurisdiction.

- a. Where wrong has been committed.
- b. Where defendant resides, does business, or personally works for gain.



#### Sec 20: Wherever there is other matter:

- a. There was one or more defendant then where defendant resides, carries on business, or personally works for gain.
- b. Where there are more than one defendant but at different places then with the leave permission of court of with acquiesce of other defendants case can be at any place where any of the defendant resides, carries on business or personally works for gain.
- c. Cause of action, wholly or partly arises.

Whenever there is any corporation then place of business is following:

- a. Principal officer
- b. Subordinate officer

<u>Sec 21</u>: Wherever any person wants to object then he can raise it in appellate or revision court on following grounds: -

- a. Place of Suing.
- b. Pecuniary Jurisdiction
- c. Competence of executing court.Such objection shall be as soon as possible, before settlement of issues.

<u>Sec 21 A</u>: Wherever decree has been passed then on the ground of objection of place of suing, no fresh suit shall lie. (Res judicata shall apply)

<u>Sec 22</u>: Wherever a suit can be instituted in 2 or more courts but instituted in one court, then any defendant after giving notice to other party as soon as possible before settlement of issues can apply to the court that it be transferred.

E.g.: A, B, C Vs. D
Alwar Bombay Delhi

 If case is in Delhi, then objection can be by Alwar, Bombay and Delhi person before settlement of issues.

#### Sec23: Application shall be in following courts.

a.	If both the courts are subordinate to the same	Appellate Court
	appellate court.	
b.	If both the courts are subordinate to the	High Court
	different appellate court but same HC.	
C.	If both the courts are subordinate to the	Such High Court where case is first instituted.
	different High Court's.	

#### Sec24: HC or DC can at any stage on

- Application or
- Suo moto

After giving notice to parties. (In suomoto notice not required) can do following things: -

- a. Transfer any suit to other court subordinate to him.
- b. Withdraw any suit and do following.
  - i. Try himself
  - ii. Transfer to other court.
  - iii. Re-transfer to the same court.