

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 415**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 12, 1947
(SAKA)**

TRIALS IN ABSENTIA IN BNSS

415 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) for conducting trials in absentia in cases where the accused is not present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)**

(a) to (b) : Section 356 has been added in the Bharatiya Nagarik Surkasha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for inquiry, trial and judgement of the proclaimed offender. This new provision of trial in absentia of persons declared as proclaimed offenders allows the Court to proceed with the trial and pronounce the verdict in the absence of the accused. This provision ensures that justice is neither delayed nor denied.
