



Consider the following statements on Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023:

- (i) It introduces new crimes like organized crime.
- (ii) It introduces community service as a punishment.
- (iii) It introduces new provisions to eliminate offence on sedition.
- (iv) It includes mob lynching as an offence.

Select the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) Only (i) and (ii) are correct
- (B) Only (ii) is correct
- (C) None of the statements is correct
- (D) All the statements are correct

Correct Answer: (D) All the statements are correct

Explanation with Analysis:

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 is part of India's criminal law reforms, replacing the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Here is the status of the statements:

(i) It introduces new crimes like organized crime – True. BNS 2023 defines and criminalizes organized crime and terrorism distinctly, which was not well-covered in IPC.

(ii) It introduces community service as a punishment – True. This is a notable reform, especially for minor offences, to promote restorative justice.



(iii) It introduces new provisions to eliminate offence on sedition – True. The offence of sedition (Section 124A IPC) has been dropped. Instead, Section 150 of BNS includes a rephrased provision dealing with acts endangering sovereignty, avoiding colonial terminology.

(iv) It includes mob lynching as an offence – True. BNS 2023 specifically addresses mob lynching under group violence, especially by a mob on grounds such as caste, religion, etc.