Extradition may be broadly defined as the surrender by a State of a fugitive alleged or convicted from another State, following a request by the latter for his surrender. From the above, it is clear that the extradition requires the cooperation of at least two States and thus the extradition laws must blend different and often competing legal principles and values. On one hand, a State has the right and a need to enforce its laws, on the other, States are sovereign over their territory and in the absence of a specific obligation (via treaty), no State is required to extradite. The law of extradition acknowledge and respect both these principles. Now a day, with the tremendous increase in the facility of international transport, surge in international terrorism and communication, extradition has assumed prominence. In the fast shrinking world of today interdependence of States is natural and essential; consequently the problem of extradition would arise. It has become easy for a fugitive to escape from the law of the land and if the law has to take its course and pursue the offender, the extradition proceedings are necessary instrument to secure the return of the offender to the altar of law. Laxity in extradition efforts would only increase the offender’s appetite to commit crimes with impunity by fleeing to a foreign territory, where he cannot be touched except through extradition proceedings.

Extradition is viewed as a form of international cooperation. It is argued that States will cooperate to enhance their perceived security interests. Extradition is a tool which States can use to enhance these interests. It is evident that extradition has dual nature, involving transnational as well as Municipal Laws. However, whether a State will utilize this tool depends on at least two factors. The first relates to the multidimensional nature of security. Although extradition can help a State increase its security by making it easier to bring fugitives to justice and discouraging criminals
from taking safe-harbor in its territory, these are not a State’s only security concerns. States have long viewed States with dissimilar political, economic and cultural institutions as threats on numerous other dimensions; including a State’s very survival. Accordingly, a State is more likely to use the tool of extradition when potential extradition partners have similar political, economic or cultural institutions because doing so allows it to reap the security benefits of extradition without threat on other concerns. From this general dimension, the present study proceeds to examine it in the specific context of India. The Extradition Act, 1962 consolidates the law relating to the extradition of criminal fugitives from India to a foreign State and the vice versa. The basis of extradition could be a treaty between India and the foreign States.

The study of extradition is essential not only because of the pragmatic and policy concerns but also because it fits into a larger research program geared towards understanding international cooperation. In order to make this research program successful, it is suggested to acknowledge the symbiotic, collateral and symmetrical relationship between the politics of international relations and the study of the problem of extradition. In other words, the politics of international relations can help us better understand extradition and simultaneously a knowledge of extradition can inform our study of international relations.

Chapter one is introductory which deals with the conceptual framework of extradition in general. It brings out the various principles of extradition in general and various other methods used to catch a fugitive for the purpose of punishing him. Whether to extradite a fugitive or not, completely lies with the State from which extradition is being requested. Once the requested State decides to extradite a fugitive, it may take place in terms of varied procedures. It is thus important to consider the
methods which are applied internationally to effect extradition. The generally accepted method used for extradition is that of transaction of the extradition treaty. This may take the form of bilateral treaty or a multilateral convention. Impartially, a comparative study of similarity and dissimilarity of abduction and deportation is also attempted.

Chapter two takes up the historical retrospect of extradition at the international as well as Indian levels. The process of extradition has been regarded as one of the best known and oldest forms of cooperation among States. Historically, the practice of extradition was dependent upon the good relations between the sovereigns of the requested State and the requesting State. Presently extradition has taken on a more formal nature with prescribed procedures necessary to affect it. In India the development of extradition law has followed the path of the various periods in the country’s history. It illustrates the consistency of the role India has been playing in the pre-colonial era and in the post independence phase, in promoting extradition and international cooperation. The theory of extradition involves an analysis of extradition from its ancient roots to its present position. With regard to extradition in India, reference is made to the various periods of the country’s history. The colonial era before India acquired independence in 1947 is referred in order to establish a basis for the present law of extradition. The extradition of a fugitive from India to a foreign country or vice-versa is governed by the provisions of the Indian Extradition Act, 1962.

Moreover, the procedure of extradition from and to India is the main theme of the third chapter. However the procedures must be fair to both sides and it should not be ignored that the fugitive’s whole way of life will be affected by surrender to a foreign State. The procedure to be adopted while arresting a fugitive depends upon the
extradition law and extradition treaties. Extradition proceedings can be initiated even after many years of escaping by a fugitive. The law relating to extradition includes International Law and international politics as well as criminal law and the law relating to human rights.

Chapter four deal with the provisions on which surrender of fugitive is carried out and some miscellaneous provisions. It is argued that the discretion which the Central Government may exercise in the matter of surrender or non-surrender of the fugitive is compact with many difficulties. On one hand the liberty of the individual is involved; on the other hand is involved the friendly relations with the requesting State and this is at stake if the executive authority commits any indiscretion in the matter. Therefore, it has been rightly said that “extradition is an aspect of our foreign relations” and there is more “at stake than the liberty of the accused.”

Chapter five deal with the grounds on which extradition can be refused in India. Thus, extradition came to be governed by a body of rules, which for the most part reflect a consensus among States, and which have changed substantially in response to new types of crime and security concerns, such as, in particular, the emergence of a threat of international terrorism since the 1970s. This has led to restrictions on certain grounds for refusing to grant extradition and the establishment of simplified and accelerated extradition proceedings. Now a day, extraditions are challenged on the ground that it would infringe the offender’s right to fair trial procedures, the right to life, bodily integrity and dignity. As a result the requested State is forced to balance the protection of the human rights of the individual whose extradition has been requested with the necessity of ensuring that criminal laws of sovereign States are enforced.
Lastly the entire work has been concluded, where an evaluation of the law of extradition, its working or functional viability and a few suggestions have been made. The fight against crime is bound to be difficult one but not impossible. Reliance should be made on cooperation between security agencies within a country and between countries. Only when hands are joined in common intent, mutual determination and desire will the menace of crime be defeated. In this chapter I also offer suggestions for future research.

The objectives of this work is to-

1. Explore the procedure and practice of extradition with reference to (Indian) Extradition Act, 1962;

2. Analyze the treaties between India and other foreign States; and

3. Refer briefly to the Indian judgments on extradition which would illustrate the practical application of the law and trend of extradition.

The study is descriptive in nature. Its approach is from general to particular. Two primary sources of legal material, the statutes and the case law have been made the basic data for this study. Textual materials as well as reference material on extradition have been examined. The secondary sources consist of the books, reference journals, seminar/conference papers and available information from Ministry of External Affair’s library has been obtained and used in forming the viewpoint. Besides this, various Acts and judgements of Supreme Court and High Court have been consulted to make more informative and broad based. Recent information has also been collected from the internet.

During the course of this study, I visited libraries like Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh; Seminar Library, Department of Political
Science, A.M.U. Aligarh; Seminar Library, Faculty of Law, A.M.U., Aligarh; J.N.U. Library, New Delhi; ILI Library, New Delhi; ISIL Library, New Delhi; Ministry of External Affairs Library, New Delhi has been of immense help during the collection of data for the preparation of this thesis.
THE EXTRADITION ACT, 1962 *
ACT NO. 34 OF 1962
[15th September 1962.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the extradition of fugitive criminals *[and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto]*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement. (1) This Act may be called the Extradition Act, 1962.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It shall come into force on such date *as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.*

2. Definitions. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "composite offence" means an act or conduct of a person occurred, wholly or in part, in a foreign State or in India but its effects or intended effects, taken as a whole, would constitute an extradition offence in India or in a foreign State, as the case may be;]

1. Added by Act 66 of 1993, s. 2 (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
3. Subs. by Act 66 of 1993 s. 4, (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)


*The provisions of the Act, other than Chapter III, shall apply to Papua New Guinea w.e.f. 1-9-1978, vide Notifn. No. G.S.R. 433 (E), dated 17.8.1978, Gaz. of India, Exty., Pt. II, Sec. 3(i), p. 748.

(b) "conviction" and "convicted" do not include or refer to a conviction which under foreign law is a conviction for contumacy, but the term "person accused" includes a person so convicted for contumacy;

*The provisions of the Act, other than Chapter III, shall apply to Fiji w.e.f. 1-2-1979, vide Notifn. No. G.S.R. 38(E), dt. 22-1-1979, Gaz. Of India, Exty., Pt. II, Sec. 3(i), p. 58.
3*(c) Extradition offence" means—

(i) in relation to a foreign State, being a treaty State, an offence provided for in the extradition treaty with that State;

(ii) in relation to a foreign State other than a treaty State an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year under the laws of India or of a foreign State and includes a composite offence;]


(d) "extradition treaty" means a treaty made by India with a foreign State relating to the extradition of fugitive criminals, and includes any treaty relating to the extradition of fugitive criminals made before the 15th day of August, 1947, which extends to, and is binding on, India;

(e) "foreign State" means any State outside India, and includes every constituent part, colony or dependency of such State;

(f) "fugitive criminal" means a person who is accused or convicted of an extradition offence within the jurisdiction of a foreign State and includes a person who, while in India, conspires, attempts to commit or incites or participates as an accomplice in the commission of an extradition offence in a foreign State.

(g) "magistrate" means a magistrate of the first class or a presidency magistrate;

(h) "notified order" means an order notified in the Official Gazette;

(i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

(j) "treaty State" means a foreign State with which an extradition treaty is in operation.

3. Application of Act. 2*[(1) The Central Government may, by notified order, direct that the provisions of this Act, other than Chapter III, shall apply to such foreign State or part thereof as may be specified in the order.]

(2) The Central Government may, by the same notified order as is referred to in subsection (1) or any subsequent notified order, restrict such application to fugitive criminals found, or suspected to be, in such part of India as may be specified in the order.

1. Subs. & omitted by Act 66 of 1993, s. 4 (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
2. Subs. by s. 5 ibid (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
(3) Where the notified order relates to a treaty State,-

(a) it shall set out in full the extradition treaty with that State;

(b) it shall not remain in force for any period longer than that treaty; and

(c) the Central Government may, by the same or any subsequent notified order, render the application of this Act subject to such modifications, exceptions, conditions and qualifications as may be deemed expedient for implementing the treaty with that State.

1*[(4) Where there is no extradition treaty made by India with any foreign State, the Central Government may, by notified order, treat any Convention to which India and a foreign State are parties, as an extradition treaty made by India with that foreign State providing for extradition in respect of the offences specified in that Convention.]

CHAPTER II
EXTRADITION OF FUGITIVE CRIMINALS TO FOREIGN STATES 2*** TO WHICH CHAPTER III DOES NOT APPLY

4. Requisition for surrender. A requisition for the surrender of a fugitive criminal of a foreign State 3*** may be made to the Central Government--

   (a) by a diplomatic representative of the foreign State 3*** at Delhi; or

   (b) by the Government of that foreign State 3*** communicating with the Central Government through its diplomatic representative in that State 1***. and if neither of these modes is convenient, the requisition shall be made in such other mode as is settled by arrangement made by the Government of the foreign State 3*** the Government of India.

5. Order for magisterial inquiry. Where such requisition is made, the Central Government may, if it thinks fit, issue an order to any magistrate who would have had jurisdiction to inquire into the offence if it had been an offence committed within the local limits of his jurisdiction, directing him to inquire into the case.

6. Issue of warrant for arrest. On receipt of an order of the Central Government under section 5, the magistrate shall issue a warrant for the arrest of the fugitive criminal.

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1. Ins. by Act 66 of 1993 s. 5 (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
2. Omitted by s. 6, ibid (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
3. Omitted by s. 3 ibid. (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
7. **Procedure before magistrate.** (1) When the fugitive criminal appears or is brought before the magistrate, the magistrate shall inquire into the case in the same manner and shall have the same jurisdiction and powers, as nearly as may be, as if the case were one triable by a court of session or High Court.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the magistrate shall, in particular, take such evidence as may be produced in support of the requisition of the foreign State and, on behalf of the fugitive criminal, including any evidence to show that the offence of which the fugitive criminal is accused or has been convicted is an offence of political character or is not an extradition offence.

(3) If the magistrate is of opinion that a prima facie case is not made out in support of the requisition of the foreign State, he shall discharge the fugitive criminal.

(4) If the magistrate is of opinion that a prima facie case is made out in support of the requisition of the foreign State, he may commit the fugitive criminal to prison to await the orders of the Central Government, and shall report the result of his inquiry to the Central Government, and shall forward together with such report, any written statement which the fugitive criminal may desire to submit for the consideration of the Central Government.

8. **Surrender of fugitive criminal.** If, upon receipt of the report and statement under sub-section (4) of section 7, the Central Government is of opinion that the fugitive criminal ought to be surrendered to the foreign State, it may issue a warrant for the custody and removal of the fugitive criminal and for his delivery at a place and to a person to be named in the warrant.

9. **Power of magistrate to issue warrant of arrest in certain cases.** (1) Where it appears to any magistrate that a person within the local limits of his jurisdiction is a fugitive criminal of a foreign State, he may, if he thinks fit, issue a warrant for the arrest of that person on such information and on such evidence as would, in his opinion, justify the issue of a warrant if the offence of which the person is accused or has been convicted had been committed within the local limits of his jurisdiction.

(2) The magistrate shall forthwith report the issue of a warrant under sub-section (1) to the Central Government and shall forward the information, and the evidence or certified copies thereof to that Government.

(3) A person arrested on a warrant issued under sub-section (1) shall not be detained for more than three months unless within that period the magistrate receives from the Central Government an order made with reference to such person under section 5.

1. omitted by Act 66 of 1993, s. 3 (w.e.f 18-12-1993)
10. Receipt in evidence of exhibits, depositions and other documents and authentication thereof. (1) In any proceedings against a fugitive criminal of a foreign State under this Chapter, exhibits and depositions (whether received or taken in the presence of the person against whom they are used or not) and copies thereof and official certificates of facts and judicial documents stating facts may, if duly authenticated, be received as evidence.

(2) Warrants, depositions or statements on oath, which purport to have been issued or taken by any court of justice outside India or copies thereof, certificates of, or judicial documents stating the facts of, conviction before any such court shall be deemed to be duly authenticated if--

(a) the warrant purports to be signed by a judge, magistrate or officer of the State or country where the same was issued or acting in or for such State or country;

(b) the depositions or statements or copies thereof purport to be certified, under the hand of a judge, magistrate or officer of the State or country where the same were taken, or acting in or for such State or country, to be the original depositions or statements or to be true copies thereof, as the case may require;

(c) the certificate of, or judicial document stating the fact of, a conviction purports to be certified by a judge, magistrate or officer of the State or country where the conviction took place or acting in or for such State;

(d) the warrants, depositions, statements, copies, certificates and judicial documents, as the case may be, are authenticated by the oath of some witness or by the official seal of a minister of the State or country where the same were issued, taken or given.

11. Chapter not to apply to foreign states countries to which Chapter III applies. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall apply to fugitive criminals to which Chapter III applies.

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1. Omitted by Act 66 of 1993, s. 3 (w.e.f. 18-9-1993).
2. Omitted by s. 7. ibid (w.e.f 18-12-19930.
CHAPTER III

RETURN OF FUGITIVE CRIMINALS TO [FOREIGN STATES] 2* WITH EXTRADITION ARRANGEMENTS

12. Application of Chapter. (1) This Chapter shall apply only to any such 3*[foreign state] to which, by reason of an extradition arrangement entered into with that 4*[State], it may seem expedient to the Central Government to apply the same.

(2) Every such application shall be by notified order, and the Central Government may, by the same or any subsequent notified order, direct that this Chapter and Chapters I, IV and V shall, in relation to any such 3*[foreign state], apply subject to such modifications, exceptions, conditions and qualifications as it may think fit to specify in the order for the purpose of implementing the arrangement.

13. Liability of fugitive criminals from foreign states to be apprehended and returned. Where a fugitive criminal of any 3*[foreign state] to which this Chapter applies is found in India, he shall be liable to be apprehended and returned in the manner provided by this Chapter to that 3*[foreign state].

14. Endorsed and provisional warrants. A fugitive criminal may be apprehended in India under an endorsed warrant or a provisional warrant.

15. Endorsed warrant for apprehension of fugitive criminal. Where a warrant for the apprehension of a fugitive criminal has been issued in any 3*[foreign state] to which this Chapter applies and such fugitive criminal is, or is suspected to be, in India, the Central Government may, if satisfied that the warrant was issued by a person having lawful authority to issue the same, endorse such warrant in the manner prescribed, and the warrant so endorsed shall be sufficient authority to apprehend the person named in the warrant and to bring him before and magistrate in India.

16. Provisional warrant for apprehension of fugitive criminal. (1) Any magistrate may issue a provisional warrant for the apprehension of a fugitive criminal from any commonwealth country to which this Chapter applies who is, or is suspected to be, in or on his way to India, on such information and under such circumstances as would, in his opinion, justify the issue of a warrant, if the offence of which the fugitive criminal is accused or has been convicted had been committed within his jurisdiction and such warrant may be executed accordingly.

1. Omitted by Act 66 1993 s. 8 (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
2. Subs. by s. 9. ibid (w.e.f 18-12-1993)
3. Subs by s. 3 ibid. (w.e.f. 18-12-1993)
4. Subs s. 10. w.e.f 18-12-1993)
(2) A magistrate issuing a provisional warrant shall forthwith send a report of the issue of the warrant together with the information or a certified copy thereof to the Central Government, and the Central Government may, if it thinks fit, discharge the person apprehended under such warrant.

(3) A fugitive criminal apprehended on a provisional warrant may, from time to time, be remanded for such reasonable time, not exceeding seven days at any one time, as under the circumstances seems requisite for the production of an endorsed warrant.

17. Dealing with fugitive criminal when apprehended. (1) If the magistrate, before whom a person apprehended under this Chapter is brought, is satisfied on inquiry that the endorsed warrant for the apprehension of the fugitive criminal is duly authenticated and that the offence of which the person is accused or has been convicted in an extradition offence, the magistrate shall commit the fugitive criminal to prison to await his return and shall forthwith send to the Central Government a certificate of the committal.

(2) If on such inquiry the magistrate is of opinion that the endorsed warrant is not duly authenticated or that the offence of which such person is accused or has been convicted is not an extradition offence, the magistrate may, pending the receipt of the orders of the Central Government, detain such person in custody or release him on bail.

(3) The magistrate shall report the result of his inquiry to the Central Government and shall forward together with such report any written statement which the fugitive criminal may desire to submit for the consideration of that Government.

18. Return of fugitive criminal by warrant. The Central Government may, at any time after a fugitive criminal has been committed to prison under this Chapter, issue a warrant for the custody and removal to the commonwealth country concerned of the fugitive criminal and for his delivery at a place and to a person to be named in the warrant.

CHAPTER IV
SURRENDER OR RETURN OF ACCUSED OR CONVICTED PERSONS FROM FOREIGN STATES

19. Mode of requisition of form of warrant for the surrender or return to India of accused or convicted person who is in a foreign State. (1) A requisition for the surrender of a person accused or convicted of an extradition offence committed in India and who is, or is suspected to be, in any foreign State to which Chapter 111 does not apply, may be made by the Central Government-

(a) to be a diplomatic representative of that State or country at Delhi; or
(b) to the Government of that State or country through the diplomatic representative of India in that State and if neither of these modes is convenient there requisition made by the Government of India with that State.

2. a warrant issued by a Magistrate in India for the apprehension of any person who is, or is suspected to be, in any [foreign State] to which Chapter 11 applies shall be in such form as may be prescribed.

20. **Conveyance of accused or convicted person surrendered or returned.** Any person accused or convicted of an extradition offence who is surrendered or returned by a foreign State or 2*** may, under the warrant of arrest for his surrender or return issued in such State or country, be brought into India and delivered to the proper authority to be dealt with according to law.

3*[ 21. **Accused or convicted person surrendered or returned by foreign State not to be tried for certain offences.** Whenever any person accused or convicted of an offence, which, if committed in India would be an extradition offence, is surrendered or returned by a foreign State, such person shall not, until he has been restored or has had an opportunity of returning to that State, be tried in India for an offence other than--

(a) the extradition offence in relation to which he was surrendered or returned; or

(b) any lesser offence disclosed by the facts proved for the purposes of securing his surrender or return other than an offence in relation to which an order for his surrender or return could not be lawfully made; or

(c) the offence in respect of which the foreign State has given its consent.]

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1. Omitted by Act 66 of 1993 s. 11 (w.e.f 18-12-1993).
2. Omitted & Subs. by s. 3 ibid. (w.e.f. 18-12-1993).
3. Subs. by s. 12, ibid (w.e.f. 18-12-1993).
22. Liability of fugitive criminals to be arrested and surrendered or returned. Every fugitive criminal of a foreign State shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be liable to be arrested and surrendered or returned, whether the offence in respect of which the surrender or return is sought was committed before or after the commencement of this Act, and whether or not a court in India has jurisdiction to try that offence.

23. Jurisdiction as to offences committed at sea or in air. Where the offence in respect of which the surrender or return of a fugitive criminal is sought was committed on board any vessel on the high seas or any aircraft while in the air outside India or the Indian territorial waters which comes into any port or aerodrome of India, the Central Government and any magistrate having jurisdiction in such port or aerodrome may exercise the powers conferred by this Act.

24. Discharge of person apprehended if not surrendered or returned within two months. If a fugitive criminal who, in pursuance of this Act, has been committed to prison to await his surrender or return to any foreign State is not conveyed out of India within two months after such committal, the High Court, upon application made to it by or on behalf of the fugitive criminal and upon proof that reasonable notice of the intention to make such application has been given to the Central Government, may order such prisoner to be discharged unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary.

25. Release of persons arrested on bail. In the case of a person who is a fugitive criminal arrested or detained under this Act, the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 relating to bail shall apply in the same manner as they would apply if such person were accused of committing in India the offence of which he is accused or has been convicted, and in relation to such bail, the magistrate before whom the fugitive criminal is brought shall have, as far as may be, the same powers and jurisdiction as a court of session under that Code.

26. Abetment of extradition. A fugitive criminal who is accused or convicted of abetting, conspiring, attempting to commit, inciting or participating as an accomplice in the commission of any extradition offence shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to be accused of having committed such offence and shall be liable to be arrested and surrendered accordingly.

27. Lawfulness of, and re-taking on escape from, custody under warrants. It shall be lawful for any person to whom a warrant is directed for the apprehension of a fugitive criminal to hold in custody and convey the person mentioned in the warrant to the place named in the warrant, and if such person escapes out of any custody to which
he may be delivered in pursuance of such warrant, he may be re-taken as a person accused of an offence against the law of India may be re-taken upon an escape.

28. Property found on fugitive criminal. Everything found in the possession of a fugitive criminal at the time of his arrest which may be material as evidence in proving the extradition offence may be delivered up with the fugitive criminal on his surrender or return, subject to the rights, if any, of third parties with respect thereto.

29. Power of Central Government to discharge any fugitive criminal. If it appears to the Central Government that by reason of the trivial nature of the case or by reason of the application for the surrender or return of a fugitive criminal not being made in good faith or in the interests of justice or for political reasons or otherwise, it is unjust or inexpedient to surrender or return the fugitive criminal, it may, by order, at any time stay any proceedings under this Act and direct any warrant issued or endorsed under this Act to be cancelled and the person for whose arrest the warrant has been issued or endorsed to be discharged.

30. Simultaneous requisitions. If requisitions for the surrender of a fugitive criminal are received from more than one foreign State, the Central Government may, having regard to the circumstances of the case, surrender the fugitive criminal to such State or country as that Government thinks fit.

31. Restrictions on surrender. A fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered or returned to a foreign State.

(a) if the offence in respect of which his surrender is sought is of a political character or if he proves to the satisfaction of the magistrate or court before whom he may be produced or of the Central Government that the requisition or warrant for his surrender has, in fact, been made with a view to try or punish him for an offence of a political character;

(b) if prosecution for the offence in respect of which his surrender is sought is according to the law of that State or country barred by time;

1*[(c) unless provision is made by that law of the foreign State or in the extradition treaty with the foreign State that the fugitive criminal shall not be determined or tried in that State for an offence other than--

(i) the extradition offence in relation to which he is to be surrendered or returned;
(ii) any lesser offence disclosed by the facts proved for the purposes of securing his surrender or return other than an offence in relation to which an order for his surrender or return could not be lawfully made; or

(iii) the offence in respect of which the Central Government has given its consent;

(d) if he has been accused of some offence in India, not being the offence for which his surrender or return is sought, or is undergoing sentence under any conviction in India until after he has been discharged, whether by acquittal or on expiration of his sentence or otherwise;

(e) until after the expiration of fifteen days from the date of his being committed to prison by the magistrate.

1*[2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the offence specified in the Schedule shall not be regarded as offences of a political character.

(3) The Central Government having regard to the extradition treaty made by India with any foreign State may, by notified order, add or omit any offence from the list given in the Schedule.]

32. Sections 29 and 31 to apply without any modification thereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 3 or section 12, the provisions of sections 9 and 31 shall apply without any modification to every foreign State 1*xxx.

33. Act not to affect the Foreigners Act, 1946. Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946, (31 of 1946), or any order made thereunder.

2*[34. Extra territorial jurisdiction. An extradition offence committed by any person in a foreign State shall be deemed to have been committed in India and such person shall be liable to be prosecuted in India for such offence.

34A. Prosecution on refusal to extradition. Where the Central Government is of the opinion that a fugitive criminal cannot be surrendered or returned pursuant to a request for extradition from a foreign State, it may, as it thinks fit, take steps to prosecute such fugitive criminal in India.

34B. Provisional arrest. (1) On receipt of an urgent request from a foreign State for the immediate arrest of a fugitive criminal, the Central Government may request the Magistrate having competent jurisdiction to issue a provisional warrant for the arrest of such fugitive criminal.

1. Subs. & Ins by Act 66 of 1993, s. 16 (w.e.f. 18-12-1993).
2. Subs. by s. 17. ibid (w.e.f. 18-12-1993).
(2) A fugitive criminal arrested under sub-section (1) shall be discharged upon the expiration of sixty days from the date of his arrest if no request for his surrender or return is received within the said period.

34C. Provision of life imprisonment for death penalty. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, where a fugitive criminal, who has committed an extradition offence punishable with death in India, is surrendered or returned by a foreign State on the request of the Central Government and the laws of that foreign State do not provide for a death penalty for such an offence, such fugitive criminal shall be liable for punishment of imprisonment for life only for that offence."

35. Notified orders and notifications to be laid before Parliament. Every notified order made or notification issued under this Act shall, as soon as may be after it is made or issued, be laid before each House of Parliament.

36. Power to make rules. (1) The central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

(a) the form in which a requisition for the surrender of a fugitive criminal may be made;
(b) the form in which a warrant for the apprehension of any person in a [foreign state] to which Chapter III applies may be made;
(c) the manner in which any warrant may be endorsed or authenticated under this Act;
(d) the removal of fugitive criminals accused or in custody under this Act and their control and maintenance until such time as they are handed over to the persons named in the warrant as entitled to receive them;
(e) the seizure and disposition of any property which is the subject of, or required for proof of, any alleged offence to which this Act applies;
(f) the form and manner in which or the channel through which a magistrate may be required to make his report to the Central Government under this Act;
(g) any other matter which has to be, or may be, prescribed.

(3) Every rule made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that any such
modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

37. **Repeals and savings.** (1) The Indian Extradition Act, 1903 (15 of 1903), and any law corresponding thereto in force at the commencement of this Act in the territories which, immediately before the 1st day of November, 1956, were comprised in Part B States and the North East Frontier Agency and Tuensang District (Extradition) Regulation, 1961 (3 of 1961), are hereby repealed.

(2) The Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1932 (33 and 34 Vict. c. 52; 36 and 37 Vict. c. 60; 6 Edw. 7, c. 15; 22 and 23 Geo. 5, c. 39. 44 and 45 Vict. c. 69.) and the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, in so far as they apply to and operate as part of the law of India, are hereby repealed.

1. Subs. by Act 66 of 1993, s. 3, (w.e.f 18-12-1993)
2. Subs. by Act 4 of 1986, s. 2 and sch. (w.e.f 15-5-1986).

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THE SCHEDULE

[See Sec.31 (2)]

**Offences, which are not to be Regarded as Offences of a Political Character**

The following list of offences is to be construed according to the law in force in India on the date of the alleged offence. Wherever the names of the relevant Acts are not given, the sections referred to are the sections of the Indian Penal Code (45of 1860):-

5. Culpable homicide, murder Sections 299 to 304).
6. Voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by a dangerous weapon or means (Sections 321 to 333).
7. Offences under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 (6 of 1908).
8. Possession of a fire-arm or ammunition with intention to endanger life [Sec.27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959)].
9. The use of a fire-arm with intention to resist or prevent the arrest or detention [Sec.28 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959)].
10. Causing of loss or damage to property used for public utilities or otherwise with intention to endanger life (Sec.425 read with section 440).
11. Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement (Secs. 339 to 348).
12. Kidnapping and abduction including taking of hostages (Secs. 339 to 348).
14. Abetting, conspiring or attempting to commit, inciting, participating as an accomplice in the commission of any of the offences listed above.]