

CHAPTER XX

OF THE TRIAL OF ¹[...] CASES BY MAGISTRATE

241. ²[Procedure in trial of cases.--The following procedure shall be observed by Magistrate in the trial of ³[cases].]

⁴[241-A. Supply of statements and documents to the accused.--(1) In all cases instituted upon police report, except those tried summarily or punishable with fine or imprisonment not exceeding six months, copies of statements of all witnesses recorded under Sections 161 and 164 and of the inspection note recorded by an Investigating Officer on his first visit to the place of occurrence, shall be supplied free of cost to the accused not less than seven days before the commencement of the trial:

Provided that, if any part of a statement recorded under Section 161 is such that its disclosure to the accused would be inexpedient in the public interest, such part of the statement shall be excluded from copy of the statement furnished to the accused.

(2) In all cases instituted upon a complaint in writing, the complainant shall--

- (a) state in the petition of complaint the substance of the accusation, the names of his witnesses and the gist of the evidence which he is likely to adduce at the trial; and
- (b) within three days of the order of the Court under Section 204 for issue of process to the accused, file in the Court for supply to the accused, as many copies of the complaint and any other document which it has filed with his complaint as the number of the accused:

Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply in any case in which the complaint has been made by a Court or by a public servant acting or purporting to act in the discharge of his official duties.]

1. Words "summons cases" Subs. by Law Reforms Ordinance, 1972, Item 86.
2. Subs. by Law Reforms Ordinance, 1972, Item 200.
3. Subs. by "summon cases" by Law Reforms Ordinance, 1972, S. 2.
4. Inserted by Law Reforms Ordinance, 1972, Item 88.