

# The Role of Plea Bargaining in the Criminal Justice System in India

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**Abstract:** *The Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 gives the administrative structure to regulating Plea dealing in India. The Indian Criminal Justice framework has been troubled by tremendous pendency of criminal cases and the rising populace of under preliminaries in Indian prisons. The lethargic, awkward and costly preliminary method normally prompts an over-the-top deferral in discarding the criminal cases. To confront the previously mentioned difficulties the criminal system code was changed in 2005 to inculcate Plea-Bargaining as an effective Alternative Dispute Resolution method in India. This research paper will aim to explain the evolution and legislative framework of Plea Bargaining in India and the way it is being administered in the criminal courts. The paper will also discuss the merits and drawbacks of this mechanism meant to dispose of a criminal case without a trial. This paper will also aim to analyze the current status and future of plea bargaining with some recommendations.. This concept of plea bargaining in India was of recent origin and it was introduced in the year 2005 to protect the rights of the accused. This concept was introduced to reduce the number of criminal cases where trial does not commence for three or five years. The research paper concludes that the amendment has been implemented in an extremely conscious manner and it is time to explore the wide impossibilities that plea bargaining has to offer.*

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