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Doctrines of Indian Contract Act









The Doctrine of Frustration नैराश्यता या विवशता का सिद्धान्त

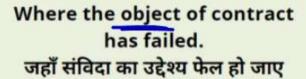
Concept in English law



is known as supervening impossibility



Where the <u>performance</u> of contract has become <u>impossible</u>; and जहाँ संविदा की पालना असंभव हो जाए







Sec. 56: Agreement To Do Impossible Act असंभव कार्य करने का करार

effect Void-(श्र्य)

[UP.CJ 2015]

Under sec. 56 the contract can be discharged by impossibility of performance. $90 \approx 10$

The doctrine of impossibility of performance of a contract being void, is bases on supervening impossibility or illegality.

It is also known as Frustration of contract.

[MPCJ 2018]

The principle of 'Force majeure' emanates from section 56 of Indian Contract Act.

[RJS 2019]

Destruction of subject matter of contract leads to discharge by impossibility

[RJS 2019]





(1647) Case:- Paradine V. Jane (1647)

In this case doctrine of frustration was talked about first time but this doctrine was not applied.

इस मामले में पहली बार<mark>्नैराश्य के सिद्धांत</mark> की बात की गई थी लेकिन इस सिद्धांत को लागू नहीं किया गया था।

The first case one the 'doctrine of frustration' decided by the SC of India is-







Case: Satyabrata Ghose Vs. Mungneeram Bangur.

The basis of the doctrine of frustration was explained by Supreme Court in the case of Satyabrata Ghose v. Mugneeram in which Justice Mukherjee held that the basic idea upon which doctrine of frustration is based is that of the impossibility of performance of the contract.

The expression frustration and impossibility are same.





Cases of Supervening Impossibility/Frustration

असम्भवता अथवा नैराश्यता उत्पन्न होने की परिस्थितियाँ



Destruction of subject-matter (विषयवस्तु का नष्ट होना) :-

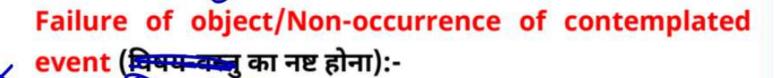
Case: Taylor v. Caldwell (1863)

- A music hall and gardens were let out by A to B for a series of concerts on four different days.
 - चार अलग-अलग दिनों में संगीत कार्यक्रमों की एक श्रृंखला के लिए ए को बी द्वारा एक संगीत हॉल और उद्यानों को किराए पर दिया गया था।
- The hall was burnt-down before the date of first concert.
- Held, the contract became void by <u>supervening</u> impossibility.



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Case: Krell v. Henry (1903)

In this dispute, the <u>respondent arranged to let the plaintiff</u>
for two days some rooms located at his Pal Mall for the
coronation ceremony of Edward VII.

इस विवाद में प्रतिवादी ने अपने पाल माल (Pall Mall) नामक स्थान पर स्थित कुछ कमरे वादी को दो दिनों के लिए एडवर्ड सप्तम् के राज्याभिषेक समारोह देखने के लिए किराये पर देने का ठहराव किया।







The coronation procession was cancelled due to the King's illness.

बाद में राजकुमार की बीमारी के कारण राज्याभिषेक समारोह स्थगित कर दिया गया।

Held. A was not liable to pay rent of the room as the existence of the procession was necessary for the contract. The cancellation of the procession discharged the contract.

न्यायालय ने इस अनुबन्ध को आकस्मिक असम्भवता द्वारा व्यर्थ घोषित किया तथा कहा कि अनुबन्ध का उद्देश्य नैराश्य हो गया है।





3. Supervening Impossibility or Illegality-Example: Outbreak of war. Inter country contract to supply commodities, but war brock out between both countries.

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4. Death or incapacity of party (पक्षकार की मृत्यु या अयोग्यता)

Contract becomes impossible due to death, illness or incapacity of party

(मृत्यु, बीमारी या पार्टी की अक्षमता के कारण अनुबंध असंभव हो जाता है।)







Case: Robinson v. Davidson (1871)

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A piano player agreed to perform a concert on a particular day. She was unable to give her performance due to her illness.

एक पियानो वादक एक विशेष दिन पर एक संगीत कार्यक्रम करने के लिए सहमत हुआ। वह अपनी बीमारी के कारण अपना प्रदर्शन नहीं दे पा रही थी।

Held, the contract was discharged due to her illness. उसकी बीमारी के कारण अनुबंध की समाप्ति या निर्वहन कर दिया गया।

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5. Change in circumstances/ law:-

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Case: Shyam Sunder v. Durga, (1966)

A agreed to sell his land to B. Subsequently the land was acquired by the Government.

ए अपनी भूमि बी को बेचने के लिए सहमत हो गया। बाद में सरकार द्वारा भूमि का अधिग्रहण किया गया।

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The performance of contract becomes impossible due to use of power by the government.

सरकार द्वारा शक्तियों के उपयोग के कारण अनुबंध की पालना असंभव हो गया।





DELAY:

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Order of the Court: Sometimes by an order of the Court performance of contract may be stayed. In such a case, so long as the injunction or stay order is in, force, the contract cannot be enforced.

न्यायालय के आदेश पर - कभी-कभी न्यायालय द्वारा आदेश जारी कर दिये जाने पर भी अनुबन्ध पूरा करना असम्भव हो जाता है तथा नैराश्यता उत्पन्न हो जाती है।





EXCEPTION:- The Doctrine of Frustration (नैराश्यता या विवशता का सिद्धान्त)- DOES NOT APPLY-

- ्र Commercial hardship or impossibility (व्यापारिक असंभवता)
- 🔰 Increase in price of raw material (कच्चे माल के मूल्य में वृद्धि)
 - ♣ Increase in overhead costs. Example- Wages, Transport cost (उपरी व्यय में वृद्धि)

 ∠ार्भि हिं।
- 2. Difficulty in performance (निष्पादन की कठिनाई)
- Stikes, lock-outs and civil disorders (हड़ताल, तालाबन्दी अथवा नागरिक उपद्रव)

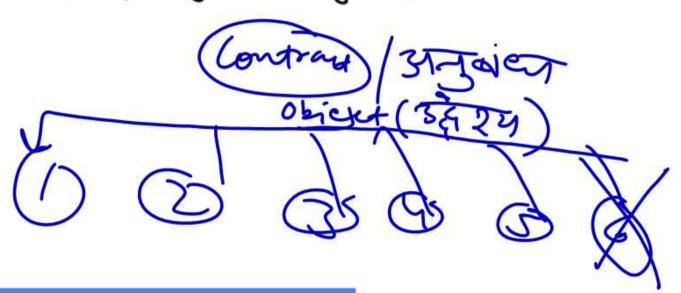






Failure of one of the objects or partial impossibility: Where there are several objects for which a contract is entered into the failure of one of the objects will not discharge the contract.

किसी अन्य व्यक्ति की भूल अथवा कार्य से उत्पन्न असम्भवता—यदि किसी अनुबन्ध का निष्पादन किसी तीसरे व्यक्ति की भूल अथवा किसी अन्य कार्य के परिणामस्वरूप असम्भव हो जाता है जिस पर वचनदाता का वचन आश्रित था, तो ऐसा अनुबन्ध समाप्त हुआ नहीं माना जा सकता।







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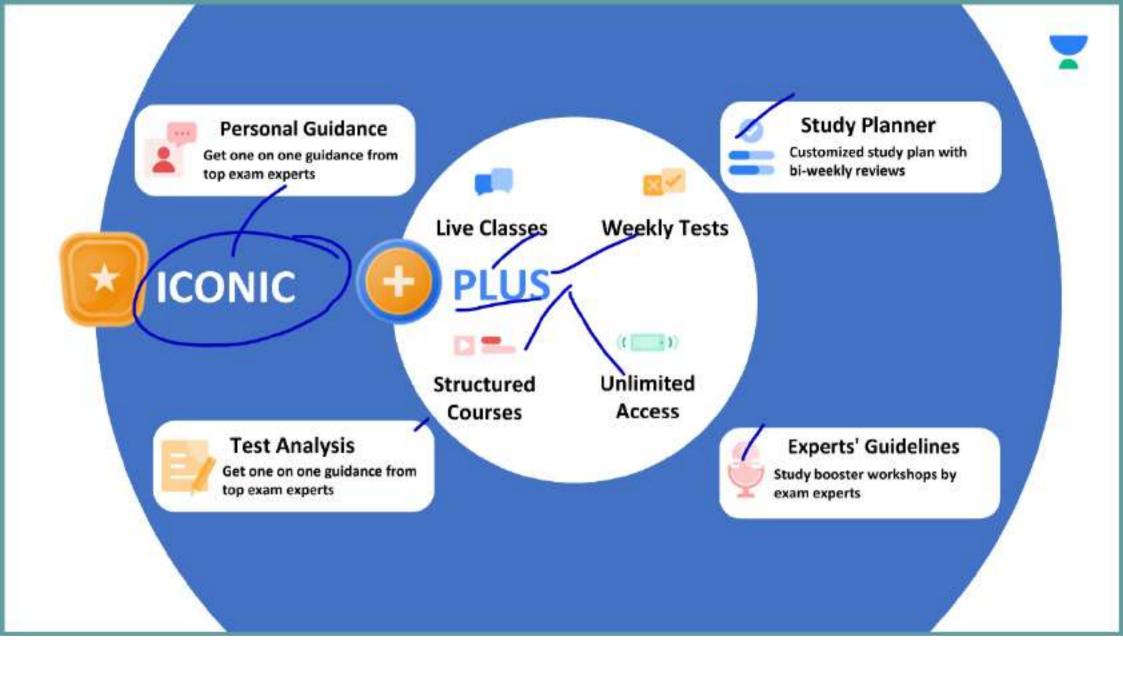
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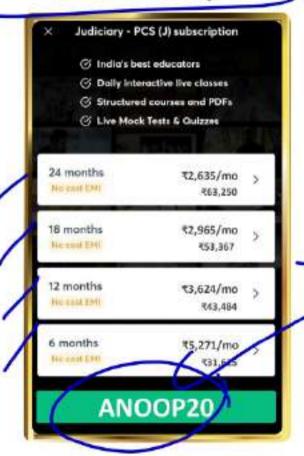
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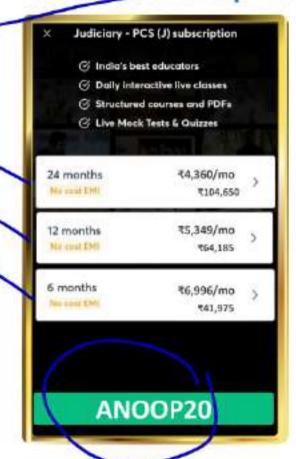
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