

Part- III of Indian Contract Act, 1872

"Contract of Agency"

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(i) Meaning of Agency and appointment of Agent:

- Agency may be defined as relationship between

one person and another
(Agent) ↓ (Principal)

where the first mentioned person brings the second mentioned person into legal relations with others. (3rd parties)

- Relationship of agency is said to exist, if

(a) person has the capacity to bind the Principal and make him answerable to 3rd parties;

and

(b) Priority of Contract between Principal and 3rd parties can be established.

- Any person who has attained majority and is of sound mind, can employ an agent.
- A minor or a person of unsound mind may become an agent, but for any misconduct of such agent, principal shall not be able to proceed against him.

(iii) Creation of Agency: An agency may be created by any of following modes:

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| (a) Agency by Authority
(Express / Implied) | (b) Agency by Estoppel
(Sec. 237) | (c) Agency by Necessity | (d) Agency by Ratification
(Sec. 196 to 200) |
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- Sec. 186

(iii) Extent of Agent's authority: (Sec. 188 - 189)

- Agent's authority means capacity to bind the principal to 3rd parties.
- It is determined by :

- ✓ (a) Nature of the act or the business for which he is appointed.
- ✓ (b) Things that are incidental to the business; and
- ✓ (c) Usage of the trade or business.

- Agent's authority includes authority to do :

- [(a) Every lawful thing necessary for the purpose;
- [(b) " " " Justified by various customs of trade; and
- [(c) All necessary acts to protect the principal from loss, as would be done by a person of ordinary prudence, in his own case.

(iv) Sub Agent and Substituted Agent [Sects. 190-193 and Sects. 194-195]

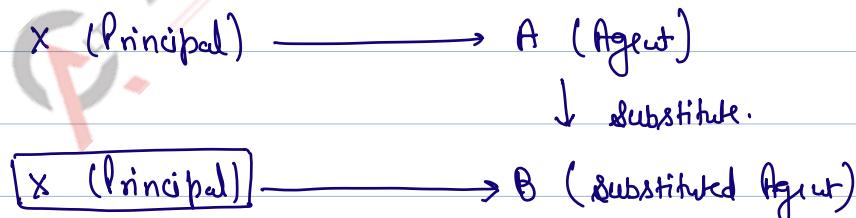
Sub-Agent: - A person employed by and acting under the control of the original agent in business of agency is known as sub-agent.

- Appointment of sub-agent is not lawful, except in some cases.



Substituted Agent: A person appointed by the Agent to act for the Principal, with the knowledge and consent of the Principal.

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