



WHAT IS PLEA BARGAINING?



- Negotiation towards an agreed settlement of a criminal case between the prosecution and the accused person.
- Plea agreement accepted by the court.

Plea bargaining allows prosecution to narrow down the issues in a case with a view to reaching a just outcome within the shortest possible time. It can be used in any criminal case except sexual offenses and offenses of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

(137N of the Criminal Procedure Code)

Plea Bargain is a negotiated agreement between an accused person(s) and the prosecutor where the accused agrees to plead "guilty" for a criminal offence in exchange for an agreement by the prosecutor to drop one or more charges, reduce a charge to a less serious offense, or recommend to the judge a specific sentence.

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