

Punishment for second and subsequent offences.

278A. If any person convicted of an offence under [section 276B](#) or sub-section (1) of [section 276C](#) or [section 276CC](#) or [section 276DD](#) or [section 276E](#) or [section 277](#) or [section 278](#) is again convicted of an offence under any of the aforesaid provisions, he shall be punishable for the second and for every subsequent offence with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine.