

Chapter IIIA - Pre-Institution Mediation and Settlement - One-page Cheat Sheet

Filing gate: classify commercial dispute, specified value, current notified forum and section 12A PIMS/urgent-relief status before institution.

Chapter in 2 Minutes

- A non-urgent commercial suit cannot be instituted until PIMS is exhausted; the process is time-bound and limitation is excluded during mediation.
- Apply the current State/High Court notification and commercial CPC Schedule, not the Act heading alone.

Provision / control map

Gate	Status	Meaning	Action
Section 12A	Current / mapped	A non-urgent commercial suit cannot be instituted until PIMS is exhausted; the process is time-bound and limitation is excluded during mediation.	Run a written urgent-relief screen, file the prescribed PIMS application, prove service, attend through authorised representatives, track time and retain settlement/non-starter output.

Decision flow



Critical matter file

Current Act/Rules/notification; contract and authority; classification/value/limitation; PIMS; pleadings and Statement of Truth; disclosure/e-records; case calendar; costs/interest; appeal and enforcement.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/commercial-courts-act-2015/chapters/04-pre-institution-mediation.html>

Official Act: <https://www.indiacode.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/2156/1/a2016-04.pdf>

Verify current State/High Court instruments and signed Gazette.