

Chapter I - Preliminary - One-page Cheat Sheet

Commencement gate: do not use any statutory consequence without checking S.O. 4384(E) and later Gazette notifications.

Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Start with the provision-specific commencement notification; the Act did not commence as one complete block.
- Provision-level commencement is the first legal gate: only 21 sections were commenced by S.O. 4384(E) on 9 October 2023 in the reviewed official record.
- Use the India Code Act and the Department of Legal Affairs Gazette files as controlling sources.
- Separate the Mediation Act from existing Commercial Courts, consumer, company, court-annexed and special-statute mediation rules.

Provision / control map

Gate	Status	Meaning	Action
Section 1	Commenced 9 October 2023	Creates the title, territorial extent and provision-by-provision commencement mechanism.	Maintain a commencement matrix and prohibit teams from applying an uncommenced provision merely because the Act exists on India Code.

Decision flow



Critical file

Contract, commencement/special-law memo, invitation/service, mediator disclosure, authority, protected and independent evidence indexes, settlement, stamp/tax, payment and enforcement records.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/mediation-act-2023/chapters/01-preliminary.html>
Sources: India Code Mediation Act, Department of Legal Affairs instruments and current Gazette. Verify event-date law.