

Chapter II - Application - 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

- Classify territorial, party, commercial, international, institutional and online-mediation coverage before relying on the Act.
- 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 2	Not commenced under S.O. 4384(E) in reviewed official record	Defines when the Act applies, including mediation conducted in India and specified connections to India.	Do not update the target Act operationally until the enabling amendment section is commenced and the target statute consolidation confirms the change.
Section 3	Commenced 9 October 2023	Defines key terms including mediation, mediator, institutional mediation, online mediation, party, settlement and service provider.	Do not update the target Act operationally until the enabling amendment section is commenced and the target statute consolidation confirms the change.

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/02-application.html>
Sources: India Code Mediation Act, Department of Legal Affairs instruments and current Gazette. Verify event-date law.