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The offence of robbery has been defined under section 390 of IPC

It says very clearly that in all robbery there is either theft or extortion.

It could be said that robbery is an aggravated form of extortion. In the sense that in robbery also there is an element of use of force like extortion but gravity of fear of injury is on much higher side to the extent of fear of instant death.

1. When theft is converted into robbery that while committing theft the offender voluntarily causes or attempts to cause to any person death or hurt or wrongful restraint or fear of instant death or of instant hurt or instant wrongful restraint.

2. When extortion is converted into robbery when the offender while committing extortion puts the person under fear of instant death, or instant hurt or of instant wrongful restraint to that person or to any other person.

We thus find that increased gravity of violence at the time of commission of robbery distinguishes it either from the offence of theft or extortion.

On our next explanation we shall be taking up the offence of dacoity and its distinction from robbery.

Thank you

Stay safe n take care students