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Law of Crimes II Sem II

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Defamation has to be understood subject to following explanations.

1. Defamation of a deceased person is possible if the statement would harm the reputation of that person if living and it is intended to be hurtful of his family members.
2. Any such defamatory statement concerning any company, an association or collection of persons would be defamation.
3. A defamatory statement in the form of an alternative, expressed ironically may amount to be defamation.
4. Any statement will not be said to be defamatory unless it directly or indirectly in the estimation of others lowers the reputation of the person.

Following are the exceptions in which offense of defamation is not made out.

1. Statement is based upon truth in public good
2. Public conduct of public servants
3. Conduct of a person touching any public question.
4. Publication of report of court proceedings
5. Merits of a case decided in courts
6. Merits of public performance
7. Censure passed in good faith by lawful authority
8. Accusation in good faith to authorized person
9. Statement in good faith to protect his or others interest
10. Caution intended for good of person or for public good

Next we shall be taking up offences against women.

Stay fit Take care Students

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