

Partly oral and Partly in writing

Signs and gestures.

A clear and corroborated dying declaration cannot be rejected just only because it was recorded by a police officer. Section 32(1) also applies to homicide and suicide. In this connection it may be stated that the declaration must be in a fit state of mind.

In England

Dying declaration is not admissible in civil cases

Dying declaration is admissible in the single instance of homicide (Murder or Manslaughter)

Deponent must be in actual danger of death

Deponent must be aware of the danger and have abundant hope of recovery.

In a landmark case of England R v. Jenkins, (1869) ILR CCQ 187

• "No hope" – Admissible in England

• "At present" – Not admissible in England

Both are acceptable in India.

FIR as a dying declaration will be relevant under section 32(1). Statement under section 161 CrPC- Dying Declaration under section 32(1) of the Evidence Act is relevant. This is an exception to the requirement of section 162 (Statement to the police not to be signed).

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