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SHIKSHAPATRI BHASHYA SHLOK 33

|| *One shall never enter or exit through a secret way and shall not occupy, even temporarily any private property without the permission of its owner* ||

Entry through an Adhvara (small or secret way) is forbidden.

Nothing should be entered into, used or taken without the owner's permission. This includes entering public property such as schools.

Means such small door by which the occupants of the house escape out in the case of indoor emergency. By such a door. No entry or no exit through such a small emergency door. Yagyavalkya smriti prohibits two things: not to see the cow feeding milk to its calf and not to enter the house from an unauthorized small door. Manu Smriti has said that the entry should not be made through an unauthorized door in a village or town. Kashi Khand also says that one should not enter his own or other's house through an unauthorized door.

Means the house which has owner as guard, or such inn should not be occupied for overnight stay without the permission of the owner. It is intended that stay without such permission may generate anger in the owner and tension may take place between the occupant and the owner and may lead towards a fight. Yogishwar Smriti says, others bed, other's seat, garden house and the vehicle if not permitted for the use by the owner, should be left. And

no eatable should be accepted from the one who is not an Agnitri. Mitakshara treatise says that the permission from the owner is a must even for a short stay like noon-time or a short rest again the sun. Now, in explanation to what means 'to ask' ? Treatise says - to take permission means to ask for sitting at the place and also to inquire about the caste etcetera of the owner. If not inquired about such things one may become prey to the people's criticism if he stays there and the owner of the place happens to be a person from lower caste or community. Though the place may be neat, clean and peaceful the stay will not be an acceptable stay by the society - and will attract the atonement for such stay. Here in this, the word is 'owned', as such, the places, which are not owned by any particular person, are not prohibited. Those can be utilized. Muni Vashistha had listed such places : forest, rivers, and mountains. Shrines, caves, temples, and molehills have no owners.

This brings criminal consequences as well as other trouble.

Discuss the criminal sanctions in England for trespass and squatting –imprisonment and fines. Also discuss misunderstandings that will arise if you are somewhere without the owner's permission.

- Trespassing = 3 months imprisonment and/or up to £4000 in fines