Sunil Batra Summary

Solitary confinement – Articles 14 and 21 of Constitution of India - solitary confinement to prisoners who were awarded death sentence – such solitary confinement was held to be bad as convict cannot be reduced to status of non-person – Article 21 read with Articles 14 and 19 obligate State not to incarcerate anyone except under law which is fair, just and reasonable in its procedural essence – no person can be deprived of his guaranteed rights except by methods which are fair, just and reasonable – most important right of person who is imprisoned is integrity of his physical person and mental personality – even though our Constitution has no due process clause but after Maneka Gandhi case consequence is the same – held, such solitary confinement bad in law.