

## **BREAKING THE SILENCE NO MORE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN INDIA**

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Child sexual abuse is a critical issue in India as it is in many countries. Over the past decades, a broad spectrum of psychological and interpersonal issues is more predominant among those who have been sexually abused than individuals with no such experiences. Child abuse might cause genuine threat of harm to the child and may even cause death. Most likely, all social orders' endeavor is to clear the issue of child sexual abuse away. The trauma is connected with the family quieting occurrences of sexual abuse of children inside the family which causing under reporting of the issue and a gross under estimation of the gravity of the problem since children are not given the defensive and therapeutic assistance they require and left to suffer in silence. Notwithstanding, the first step is clearly an acknowledgment of the issue and how successfully manages the protection of children from abuse. In India, child rights, protection from abuse and exploitation including the physical, emotional, verbal or sexual mistreatment of a child are closely interrelated with poor socioeconomic conditions. Whose obligation is it to guarantee the safe, protective and caring environment that every child merits? An appreciated improvement has been the enactment of a special law—Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act, 2012—criminalizing a scope of acts including child rape, harassment and exploitation. There is not only law intended for defending children and protecting them against sexual abuse, which is a serious lacuna against this background and required urgently. This paper will concentrate on child sexual abuse, the laws, and legal loopholes. It also seeks addressing some preliminary areas of concern with the substantive and procedural aspects of the law dealing with the issue of child sexual abuse, with the overarching scheme of child protection in India.

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