

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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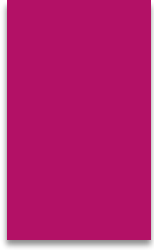
EMPOWERING GIRLS



- ▶ **Tharuni** was started in 2000 to Empower Adolescent Girls & Women
- ▶ **Child Labour** – eradicated child labour in 100 Ginning Mills, initiated compensation for child labour
- ▶ **Child Marriages** – stopped more than 1700 child marriages & educated them, instrumental in bringing new Act & Rules
- ▶ **Infanticide and Foeticide** – set up cradles, ‘No Girl – No World’ campaign, auditing of medical diagnostics
- ▶ **Lack of opportunities** – Created forums – **Balika Sanghas** – Rural Resource Centres – Mentored 20,000 rural girls to be the change agents – distributed bicycles & Tabs, Livelihood trainings, Life Skills, creating gender just communities
- ▶ **Human Trafficking** – Work on Prevention, **AHTUs** – dhruvaht.org – bilingual knowledge **Web Portal** on Human Trafficking
- ▶ **Child Abuse** – trained implementing officers – conceptualized **Bharosa** Centres & running them



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE



**No Culture of
Conversation**



**Conspiracy of
Silence**

STORIES OF SHAME !



SHAME ON HUMANITY. 6 YEARS OLD GIRL BRUTALLY RAPED AND MURDERED BY A MONSTER IN SAIDABAD



9 Month Baby was Raped and killed in warangal



India is home to a large number of sexually abused children.

- ▶ About 13% of girls reported facing sexual abuse during the pandemic (according to survey by Protsahan, conducted in May, June and July 2020)
- ▶ In 2020, the National Crime Records Bureau registered 43,000 offences under the stringent POCSO - which translates to an average of one case every 12 minutes. In 2019 and 2020, an average of 129 cases were reported under **POCSO daily**.

Cases reported in Bharosa, Hyderabad

Year	Child Abuse Cases
2016	175
2017	202
2018	316
2019	336
2020	252
2021	406
2022	399

POCSO PENDENCY

- According to a response in the Lok Sabha in March 2022, over **2.26 lakh cases** registered under POCSO Act were **pending in POCSO Courts** as of 31 January 2022.
- In the same response, the Ministry of Law and Justice added that the government had rolled out a scheme to set up **1,023 Fast Track Special Courts**, including **389 exclusive POCSO (ePOCSO) Courts** in **31 states** and UTs to accelerate the trial and disposal of cases concerning rape and those registered under POCSO.

Disposal of cases under POCSO by Police and Courts (2016 to 2020)



Source: [Crime in India, NCRB](#)

Reporting is still very less:

Parents/caregivers reluctant to report CSA :

- ✓ Stigma and discrimination
- ✓ Fear of legal procedures and systems.
- ✓ Children are afraid of perpetrators and/or ashamed ('it's my fault')
- ✓ Grooming – Important to identify grooming happened or not
- ✓ Adolescent love—don't want to criminalize the 'perpetrator'



Sexual Offences Against Children

CSA can involve:



Forcing



Threatening



Tricking a child into sexual activity.

It can be:



touching

or



non-touching

and it can cover a range of sexual behaviors

Sexual Abuse can ALSO happen through

- ▶ **Verbal** / Bullying with Sexual Intent
- ▶ No touching but **gestures** (Sexually coloured)
- ▶ Using **technology**

Behavioral Clues that may Indicate Child Abuse

- ▶ Be **aggressive**, oppositional, or defiant
 - ▶ Cower or **demonstrate fear of adults**
 - ▶ Act out, displaying aggressive or **disruptive behavior**
 - ▶ Be **destructive to self** or others
 - ▶ Come to school too early or not want to leave school—indicating a possible **fear of going home**
 - ▶ Show fearlessness or **extreme risk taking**
 - ▶ Be described as “**accident prone**”
 - ▶ Cheat, **steal, or lie** (may be related to too high expectations at home)
- Be a **low achiever** (to learn, children must convert aggressive energy into learning; children in conflict may not be able to do so)
 - Unable to form good **peer relationships**
 - Wear **clothing** that covers the body and that may be inappropriate in warmer months
 - Show regressive or **less mature behavior**
 - Dislike or **shrink from physical contact**—may not tolerate physical praise such as a pat on the back

How Grooming Happens....

Targeting

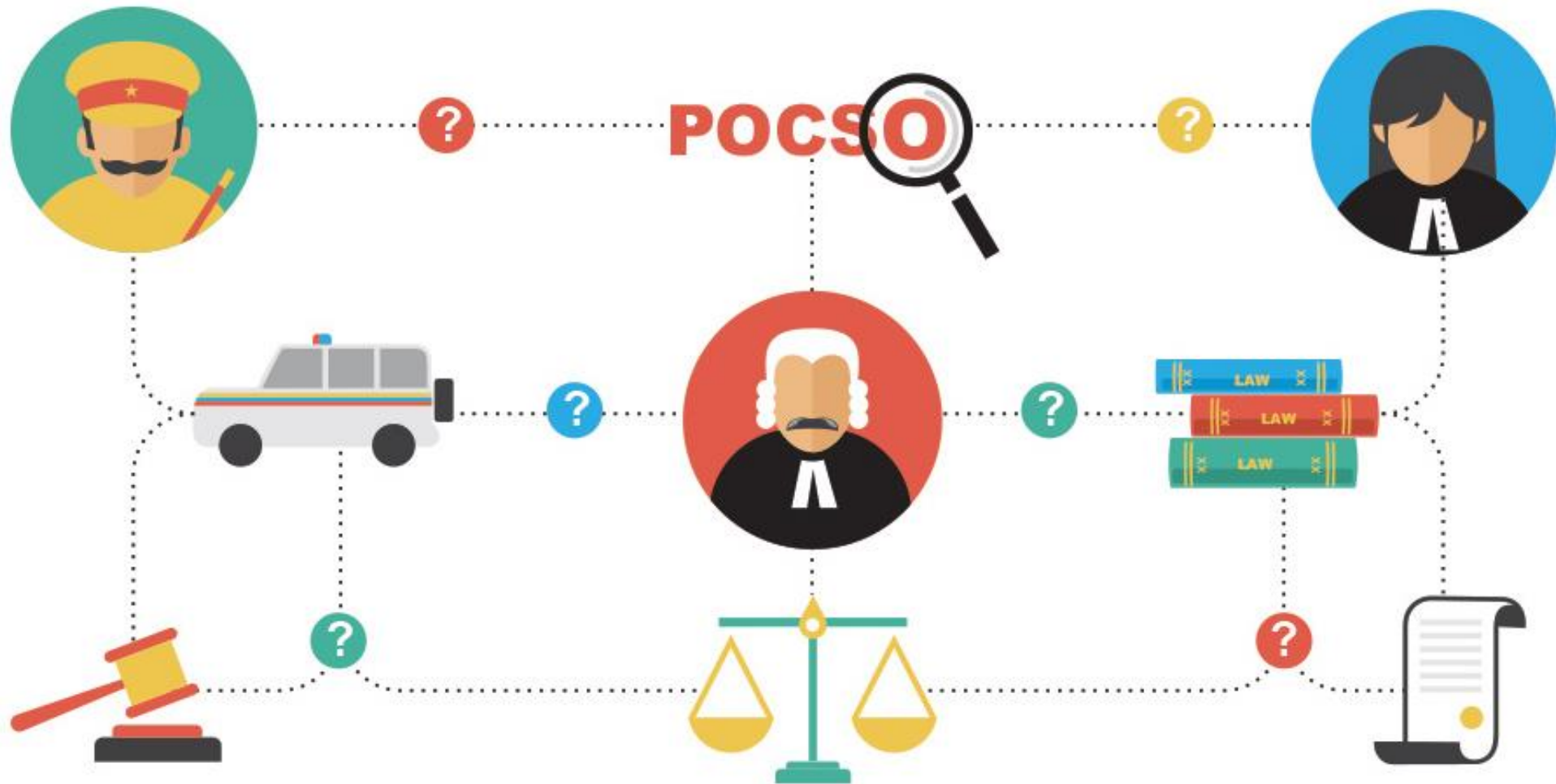
- Vulnerable (e.g., low self-confidence, low self-esteem)
- Less parental oversight
- Socially isolated or emotionally needy

Strategies

- Caretaking (e.g., babysitting, teaching, tutoring)
- Form “special relationship”
- Become welcome in home/gain trust of parents
- Gifts, games, special times
- Isolate
- Seize on feelings of being unloved/unappreciated
- Emotional bonding and trust building
- Desensitize to sex (e.g., talking, pictures, pornographic videos)
- Use pretense (“teaching,” “exploring,” “closeness”)
- Exploit victim’s natural sexual curiosity or uncertainty

Maintenance

- Bribes, gifts to ensure continued compliance
- Threaten dire consequences to ensure secrecy
- Threaten to blame victim
- Threaten loss of “loving” relationship



THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2012

What's POCSO?

Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act, 2012

Protection from
Sexual Assault
Sexual Harassment
Pornography



POCSO protects children (boys and girls) below 18 years from a range of sexual offences

POCSO calls for

Severe punishment
If protectors
are perpetrators



Mandatory Reporting of all
sexual offences by all citizens
to the nearest police station



Child friendly
procedures to
reduce trauma of
victims



FEATURES

**CONSENT IS
IMMATERIAL IN
POCSO (even if the child
is between 16 to 18)**

CALIBRATION OF OFFENCES

- Penetrative
- Non-Penetrative
- Aggravated
- Non-touch
- Verbal
- Use of child for pornographic purpose



NO DISCRETION to Court

• **to reduce the term** of imprisonment to a term **less than the minimum term** stipulated under the Act.

BURDEN OF PROOF

• **on accused to prove that he / she has not committed an offence** (under Sections 3, 5, 7 & 9 – presumption is that accused has committed such offence)

SECTION 3: Penetrative Sexual Assault

Penetration of the penis or any other object into the vagina, mouth, urethra or anus of the child Or Making the child to do so

Manipulating any part of child's body to cause penetration into vagina, urethra, anus or any part of child's body or making the child do so

Applying the mouth to penis, vagina, anus or urethra of child or making the child do so to such person or any other person.

- **PUNISHMENT:** 7 years to life imprisonment + fine
Below 12 years – hang to death (Amendment 2019)

SECTION 7: Sexual Assault

With **sexual intent touching** vagina, penis, anus or breast of child or making child to do so Or doing any other act with sexual intent involving physical contact **without penetration** e.g. *Kissing, masturbating on the child etc.*

- **PUNISHMENT:** 3 years to 7 years + fine

SECTION 11: Sexual Harassment

- Uttering any word or making any sound or gesture
- Exhibiting a part of the body with the intention that such word or sound shall be heard or such gestures or object or part of the body shall be seen by the child
- Making a child exhibit his body or any part of his body so as it is seen by such person or any other person
- Showing objects or media in the form of porn to the child (SMS, Facebook messages)
- Enticing a child for pornography

Repeatedly or constantly follows or watches or contacts a child either directly or through electronic ,digital or any other means

If the person threatens to use, in any form of media , a real or fabricated depiction through electronic film or digital or any other mode , of any part of the body of the child or involvement of child in sexual act

PUNISHMENT: Maximum 3 years + fine

Under POCSO The nature of offence becomes **Aggravated** based on the :

- ▶ **Person** who is committing the crime
- ▶ **Situation** in which the crime occurs
- ▶ **Impact** the crime has on the child

Punishment for Aggravated Offences (Sec: 5 &6)

For **Penetrative Sexual Assault: 20** years to life imprisonment (Below 12 years – Hang unto death)

For **Sexual Assault: 5 to 7** years

SECTION 13 & 14: Pornography

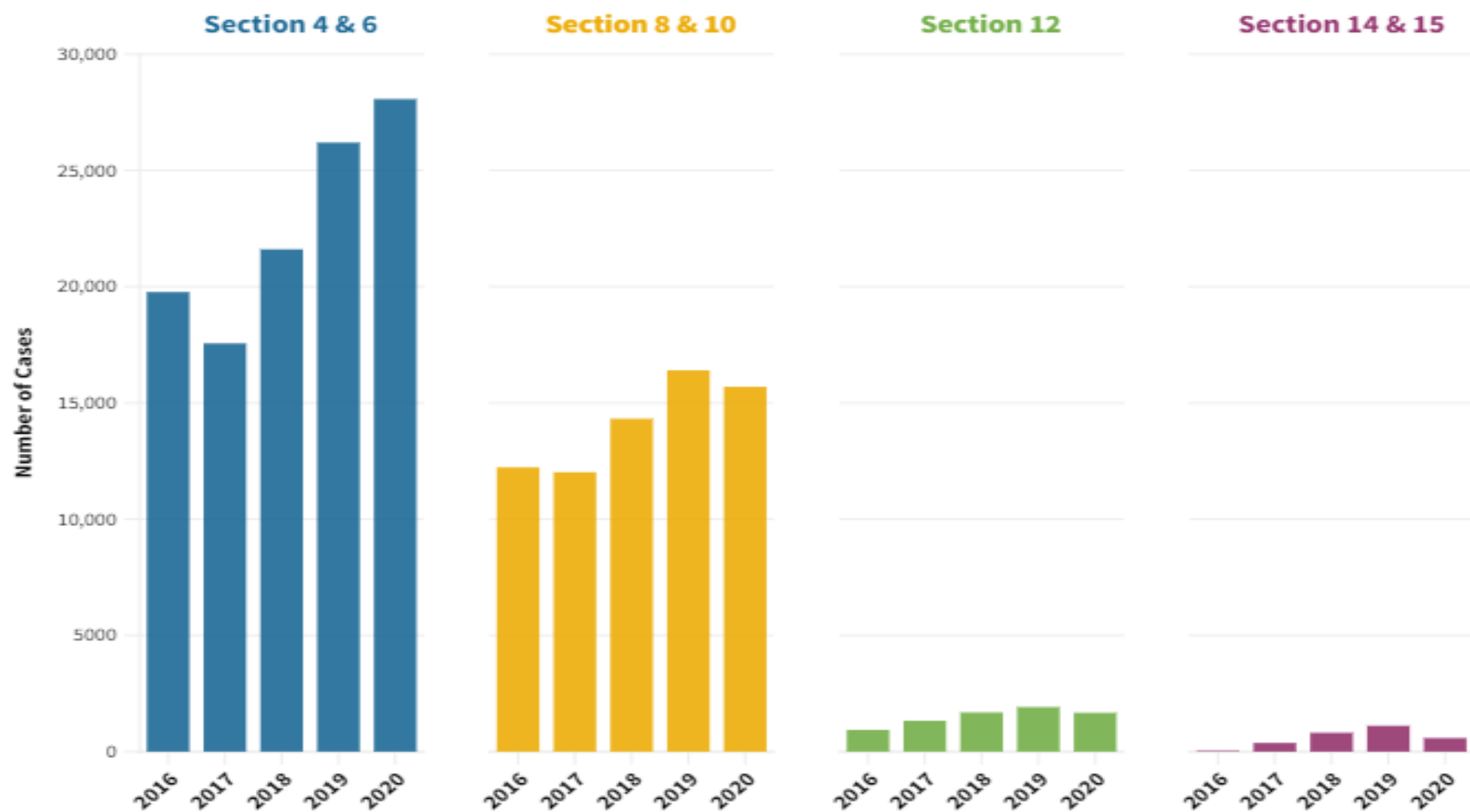
- Using children in **any form of media** by showing the sexual organs of the child
- **Engaging** children in real or stimulated sexual acts
- Indecent or obscene **representation** of a child
- Also **storing** child pornography for commercial purposes

PUNISHMENT: 5 years to 10 years + fine (Punishment depends on the act, if the person commits penetrative assault while shooting a porn film the punishment is maximum)

Child pornography is a crime in **India**. **Information Technology Act, 2000** & **Indian Penal Code, 1860** provides protection from **child pornography**. **Child** is the person who is below the age of 18 years. ... And for subsequent offence imprisonment which may extend to 5 years & fine which may extend to 10 lakhs rupees.

Sections	Assault	Punishment
Sections 4 & 6	Penetrative Sexual Assault and Aggravated Penetrative Sexual Assault on Children (Rape)	Minimum 10 years of imprisonment & minimum 20 years for victims below 16 years of age, which can extend up to life imprisonment.
Section 8 & 10	Sexual Assault and Aggravated Sexual Assault	Imprisonment of 3 to 7 years along with fine
Section 12	Sexual Harassment	Imprisonment up to three years with a fine
Section 14 & 15	Using child for pornographic purpose	Imprisonment of 3 to 7 years along with fine
POCSO Act read with Section 377 IPC	Unnatural offences	Imprisonment up to 10 years
Sections 17 to 22	Abetment, attempt to commit offence, reporting offences	Imprisonment for 1 year to one-half of the longest term of imprisonment provided for that offence

Number of cases filed under different sections of POSCO Act (2016 to 2020)



Source: [Crime in India, NCRB](#)

Abetment of & Attempt to commit an offence: Section 16 & 18

The **punishment for abetment** of an offence under POCSO **is the same as the punishment** prescribed for that offence.

The **punishment for attempt** to commit an offence under POCSO **is half of the punishment** prescribed for that offence

What is mandatory reporting under POCSO?

- ▶ **Section 19 of the POCSO** law says that if any person has apprehension that sexual offence is likely to happen/has happened or knowledge of sexual offence taking place, then said person has to inform a) Special Juvenile Police Unit or b) Police.
- ▶ There is no timeline specified for reporting. POCSO Act is not retrospective Act. Offences committed before 14th November 2012 will not fall under the POCSO Act.

Failure to report & record



Section 21

1. Any person **who fails to report** commission of an offence and **who fails to record** such offence – Shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to **six months** or with fine or Both
2. Any person **being in-charge of company or institution fails to report** - Shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to **one year** and with fine

False complaint

Section 22

1. Penalises any person who **provides false information / registers false complaint** under Sections 3, 5, 7 & 9 **with intention to humiliate, defame, extort or threaten**, the alleged accused is punishable with imprisonment which may extend to **6 months** or fine of both.
2. **NO PUNISHMENT SHALL BE IMPOSED ON CHILD**
3. Penalises any person who provides false information / registers false complaint against child **knowing it to be false, thereby victimizing such child in any of offences** is punishable with imprisonment which may extend up to **1 year** or fine or both.

Disclosure of identity of the child by Media: Section 23



- Media **should not disclose** any details of the child including name, family details, photograph, name of school, details of his neighborhood or community **except with written permission of Special Court**
- **JJ ACT Section 21** also mentions the same
- Punishable with imprisonment from **6 months to 1 year** or fine or both

COMPENSATION

- **Section 33(8)** : Special Court in addition to punishment, may direct payment of compensation to child for any physical or mental trauma caused or for **“immediate rehabilitation”**.
- **Compensation from State Government** (After FIR, 25%, after charge sheet 50%, and after judgement 25% = **1 Lakh in TS**)
- Victims are also entitled for **compensation under the victim compensation scheme by Legal Services Authority – NALSA Scheme** - up to Rs 1 Lakh, if SC/ST then **up to Rs 8 Lakhs**.

Support Persons: Section 39



- ▶ NGOs
 - ▶ Professionals
 - ▶ Experts
 - ▶ Persons having knowledge of psychology, social work, physical or mental health & child development
- to be associated with pre-trial & trial stage to assist the child**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CASE IS REGISTERED UNDER POCSO?

- ▶ Registration of **FIR**
- ▶ Police takes the **statement (161 CrPc)**
- ▶ **Medical Examination**
- ▶ **Spot** Investigation & Identification of the Offender
- ▶ **164 CrPc** statement in front of a Magistrate
- ▶ **Evidence** in the Court

Recording the statement of the child: Section 24

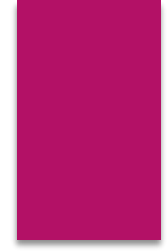
By?

- As far as practicable lady police officer
- Not below the rank of PSI

NOT IN UNIFORM

- No child should be detained in police station in night for any reason





- ▶ If the police is convinced that the child is in **need of care & protection**, then they would record the reasons in writing and within **24 hours** make arrangement for shelter or health facilities for the child.
- ▶ Every child victim **need not be produced** in front of the CWC. If the police is convinced that the child is in need of care and protection only then produce the child in front of the CWC
- ▶ Within **24 hours** of registering a case the **police should report** the matter to the Child Welfare Committee & the **Special Court**

AMENDMENTS TO POCSO ACT -2019

- **Section-4, 5 and 6** are amended to provide option of **stringent punishment**, including death penalty, for committing sexual assault and aggravated penetrative sexual assault crime on a child to protect the children from sexual abuse.
- **Section-9** to protect children from sexual offences in times of natural calamities and other similar situations and in cases where children are administered, in any way, **any hormone or any chemical substance**, to attain early sexual maturity for the purpose of penetrative sexual assault.
- **Section-14 &15** are amended to address the menace of **child pornography**. It is proposed to levy fine for not destroying or deleting or reporting the pornographic material involving a child with an intention to share or transmit it.



BHAROSA CENTRE

AN INTEGRATED SUPPORT CENTRE FOR
WOMEN & CHILDREN



“BHAROSA” - a Support Center for Women & Children

Precedence:

- Following the New Delhi ‘Nirbhaya’ incident, the [Justice Verma Committee](#) recommended setting up of one-stop crisis centers for distressed and rape victims.
- **SHE Teams** were set up in Hyderabad to specifically address the issue of sexual harassment of women in public places. As a corollary to it, the Telangana government subsequently gave the go-ahead to establish ‘**Bharosa**’ Center in Hyderabad which is a support center for women and children.
- Bharosa was set up on **7th May 2016 in Hyderabad**

Target Group:

- Bharosa" - Support Center Women & Children is intended to support **women and children (below 18 years) affected by violence**. Women/children facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and economic abuse, irrespective of age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race and culture, who have reached out or been referred to the Center will be provided with specialized services.

“BHAROSA” - a Support Center for Women & Children

Objectives:

- ▶ To provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof
- ▶ To facilitate immediate, emergency and non-emergency access to a range of services including medical, legal, psychological and counselling support under one roof to fight against any forms of violence against women
- ▶ To work towards a balanced society where equality between men and women exists by resolving conflict within the families and society at large which helps in creating a safe city for women

HIGH LIGHTS OF BHAROSA

- Bharosa- **Support Centre for protection of Women and Children** is offering Psychological, Legal, Medical, Police and Prosecution services all under one roof.
- Conduct **Medical Examination** in Bharosa
- **Video- conference facility** for 164 Cr.PC statement recording
- Record **161 Cr.PC statements** by lady police office
- One of its kind **Child Friendly Court**
- **Funded by** DWCD, Telangana State, Hyderabad & Corporates
- It has been registered as a **Society** to become financially self-sufficient.
- Tax exemption under **80-G** and **12-A** of IT Act
- **Paperless** centre
- BHAROSA Centre is being **replicated** in all the districts of Telangana



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
CIT(EXEMPTION), HYD

Name and Address of the Applicant
BHAROSA SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
GROUND FLOOR OPP PUBLIC GARDENS ,SAIFABAD
HYDERABAD 500004 ,Telangana
India

PAN: AADAB2071J	Application No: CIT(EXEMPTION), HYD/2017- 18/80G/10005	Approval No: CIT(EXEMPTION) ,HYD/80G/2017- 18/A/10091	Order No: ITBA/EXM/S/80G/201 7-18/1004086225(1)	Date: 26/04/2017
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Order for approval under section 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961

(i) On verification of the facts before me/hearing before me, I have come to the conclusion that the applicant trust/ society/ non-profit company satisfies the condition for approval under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The applicant is hereby granted approval subject to conditions mentioned in para (iv).

(ii) The exemption is valid from assessment year 2017-18 till it is rescinded.

(iii) The applicant shall forfeit the benefit provided under the law through this approval if any of the conditions mentioned herein above is not complied with, abused or violated in any manner.

(iv) The approval is granted subject to the following conditions:-

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Home Department - Permission to create a Society and register it as an autonomous body in the name and style of "society for Protection of Women and Children" (SPWC) by Hyderabad City police - Accorded - Notification - Orders - Issued.

HOME (GENERAL.A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 23

Dated: 27/02/2016.
READ:

From the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City letter C.No.185/2015 dated 22-12-2015.

ORDER:

EXECUTIVE BODY

Sl. No.	DESIGNATION	DESIGNATION IN THE SOCIETY
1	Director General of Police, TS	Chair Person
2	Additional Director General of Police, (Law & Order), TS	Vice – Chair Person
3	Additional Director General of Police, Women Safety , TS	Member Secretary
4	Inspector General of Police, P&L, TS	Joint Secretary
5	DIG / SP (Women Safety)	Treasurer
6	SP, Women Safety - Bharosa, TS	Member
7	Technical Partner (Tharuni)	Member
8	Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad	Member

GOVERNING BODY

SL.NO	DESIGNATION	DESIGNATION IN SOCIETY
1	Minister for Home Affairs, TS.	Ex-Officio Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary, Home, TS	Ex-Officio Vice Chairperson
3	Director General of Police, TS	Chair Person
4	Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), TS	Vice – Chair Person
5	Inspector General of Police, Women Safety, TS	Member Secretary
6	Inspector General of Police, P&L, TS	Joint Secretary
7	DIG / SP (Women Safety), TS	Treasurer
8	Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City	Member
9	Principal Secretary, Women & Child Welfare, TS	Member
10	Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, TS	Member
11	Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, TS	Member

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS



Department of Women & Child Welfare, Telangana



Judiciary



Department of Health & Family Welfare, Telangana



United Nations Development Programme



National Mineral Development Corporation



Hospitals

BHAROSA



NGOs



Corporates

SERVICES PROVIDED IN BHAROSA



Psychological



Police & Prosecution



Medical



Legal



Rehabilitation



Shelter



Out Reach



Help Line



**Victim Assistance
Fund**

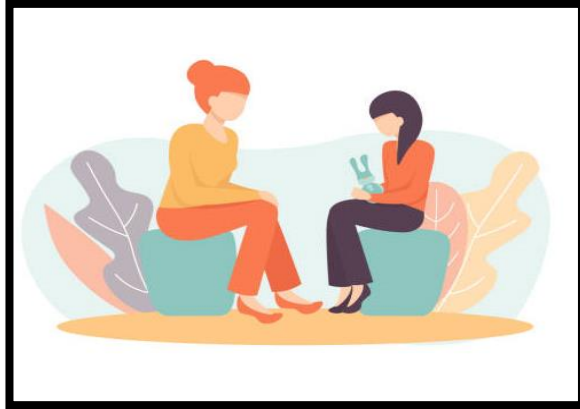


Other Services

How Bharosa Works



Receptionist gives an Unique Number to the case after taking details



Psychologist counsels the victim to see that she is out of trauma & then prepares her for statement recording and medical examination
Also understands the needs of the victim



The lady **police officer** records the 161 CrPc statement



The **Medical Officer** and **ANM** take up the medical examination of the victim and collect the forensic evidences



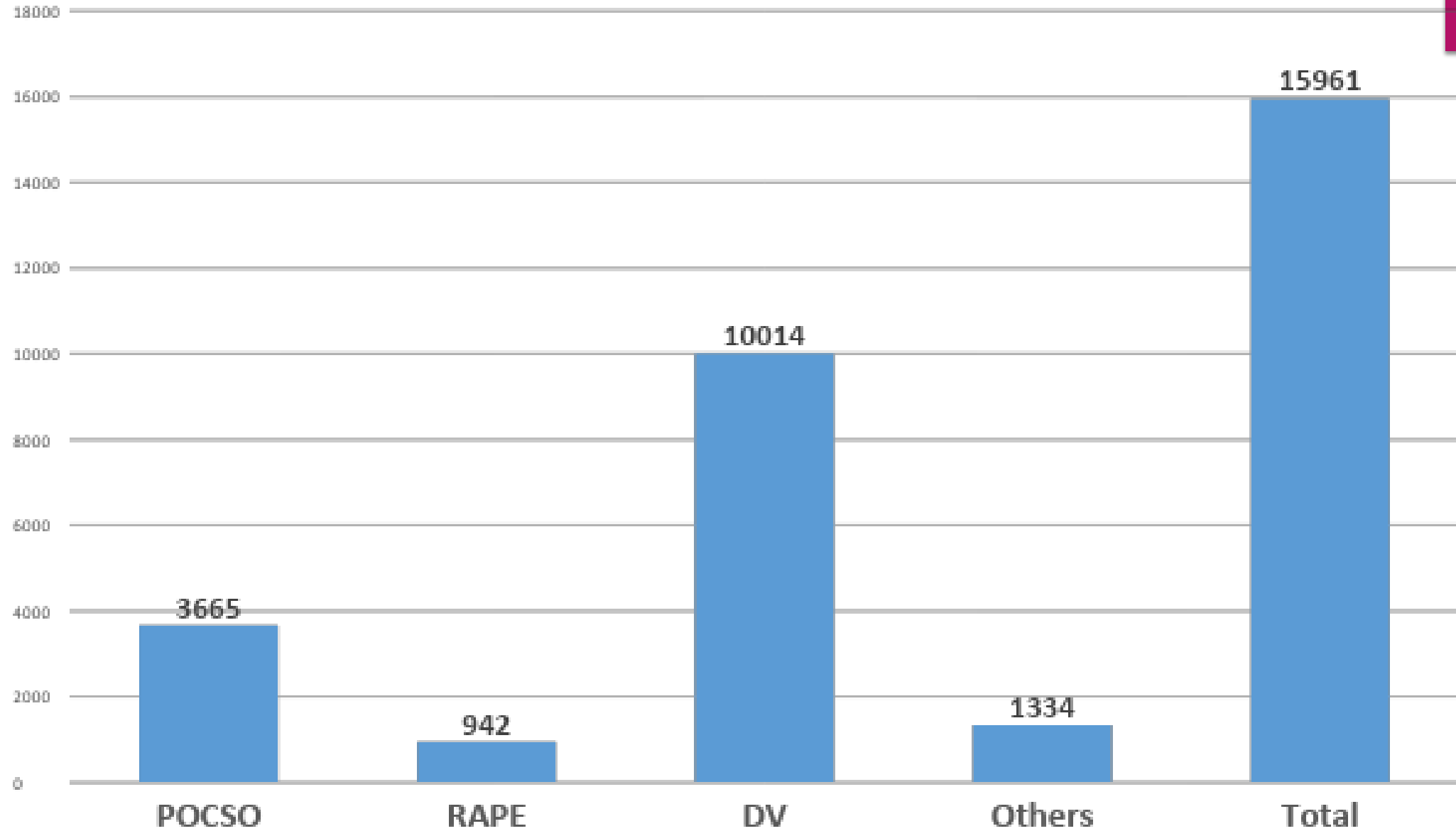
The **Legal officer** will assist the child in legal proceedings – Recording of judicial statement (164 CrPc), briefing the victim & witnesses, tries for conviction



Support Person helps the victim in getting the needs of the victim fulfilled (Producing before CWC, Shelter, Admission to school, Compensation, Livelihood, safety & security, Court, -during Court Procedures). She supports the victim until the case comes to logical end



12 Bharosa Centers Consolidated Cases up to 17.04.2023



Abstract of Compensation Details of all Bahrosa Centres Up to 17.04.2023

S No	Name of Bharosa Centre	Opening Year	Compensation Applied	Compensation Received	Total Amount Sanctioned in lakhs
1	Hyderabad	07.05.2016	528	282	73,75,000
2	Vikarabad	13.07.2018	309	130	51,95,000
3	Warangal	29.06.2020	540	213	49,82,500
4	Sangareddy	28.09.2020	136	98	39,50,000
5	Nalgonda	09.08 2021	136	23	5,75,000
6	Suryapet	13.08 2021	p	95	27,52,500
7	Siddipet	08.03.2022	82	45	13,90,000
8	Khammam	18.03. 2022	58	10	1,87,500
9	Mahabubabad	20.05.2022	28	12	5,50,000
10	Jogulamba Gadwal	23.06. 2022	54	26	9,25,000
11	Medchal Malkajigiri	08.03.2022	37	19	4,40,000
12	Medak	07.08.2022	25	18	5,12,500
TOTAL			1,933	971	2,88,35,000

Abstract of Victim Assistant Fund Details of all Bahrosa Centres Up to 17.04.2023

S No	Name of Bharosa Centre	Opening Year	Victims	Amount Received
1	Hyderabad	07.05.2016	207	20,35,600
2	Vikarabad	13.07.2018	25	1,54,600
3	Warangal	29.06.2020	29	1,70,000
4	Sangareddy	28.09.2020	10	55,000
5	Nalgonda	09.08 2021	18	95,000
6	Suryapet	13.08 2021	14	88,000
7	Siddipet	08.03.2022	9	85,000
8	Khammam	18.03. 2022	11	55,000
9	Mahabubabad	20.05.2022	2	15000
10	Jogulamba Gadwal	23.06. 2022	5	45,000
11	Medchal Malkajigiri	08.03.2022	0	0
12	Medak	07.08.2022	6	60,000
TOTAL			336	28,58,200

VICTIM REHABILITATION

- ▶ **Victim Assistance Fund** – One Crore Rupees Corpus (Donation from NMDC) – managed by a Committee – Interest from this Fund - to provide instant help
- ▶ **Skilling** – Supporting victims & their family members – Job placement & Skilling for Entrepreneurship – Linking up
- ▶ Support for **MTPs or deliveries** and restitution of the newborn.
- ▶ **In-patient care** in Corporate Hospitals
- ▶ Creation of **Victim Support Groups** for victims and their families.
- ▶ **Workshops for parents** to overcome the discrimination & trauma.

THARUNI AS TECHNICAL PARTNER



As Technical Partner for **Bharosa**, THARUNI NGO (www.Tharuni.org) - **conceptualized** the idea, helped in setting up a world class unique center and **handholding** the program since SEVEN years voluntarily.

**CHILD FRIENDLY
COURT**
*Special Court for
Trial
of Offences
under POCSO Act*



CHILD FRIENDLY COURT

- As per the **guidelines of the Supreme Court** and POCSO Act.
- **Different from other Child Friendly courts** in the country.
- **Highlights of the Child Friendly Court**
 - ❖ **Two Entrances**
 - ❖ Child Friendly **waiting area**.
 - ❖ **Video Linkage Room**.
 - ❖ Child Friendly **Court hall**.
 - ❖ **one way mirror room** for accused.
- **Legal support officer** to take the case to Logical Conclusion.
- **World class infrastructure**.

COURT ROOM

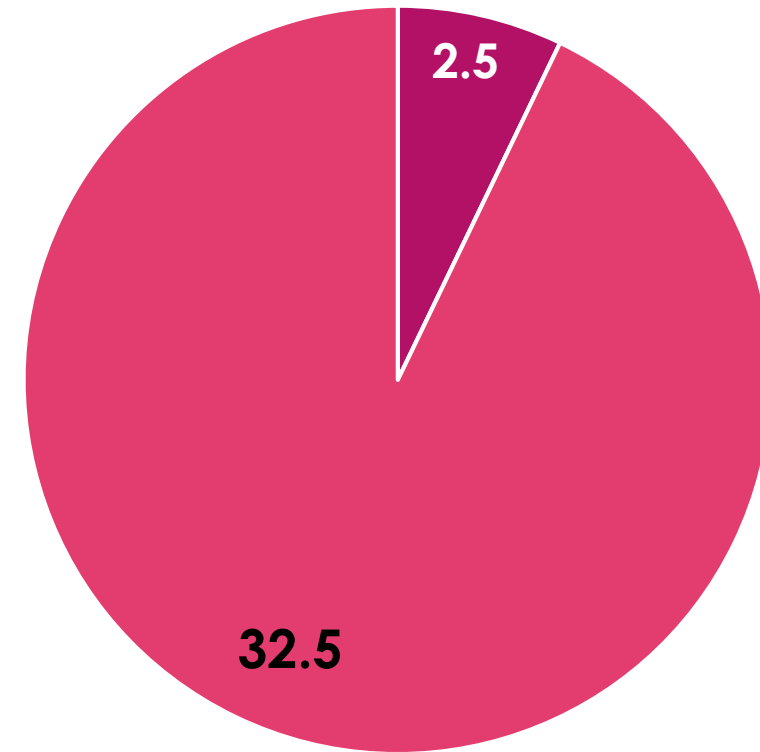
*Accused Room
-One Way
Mirror Room*



Increase in the % of convictions in POC SO

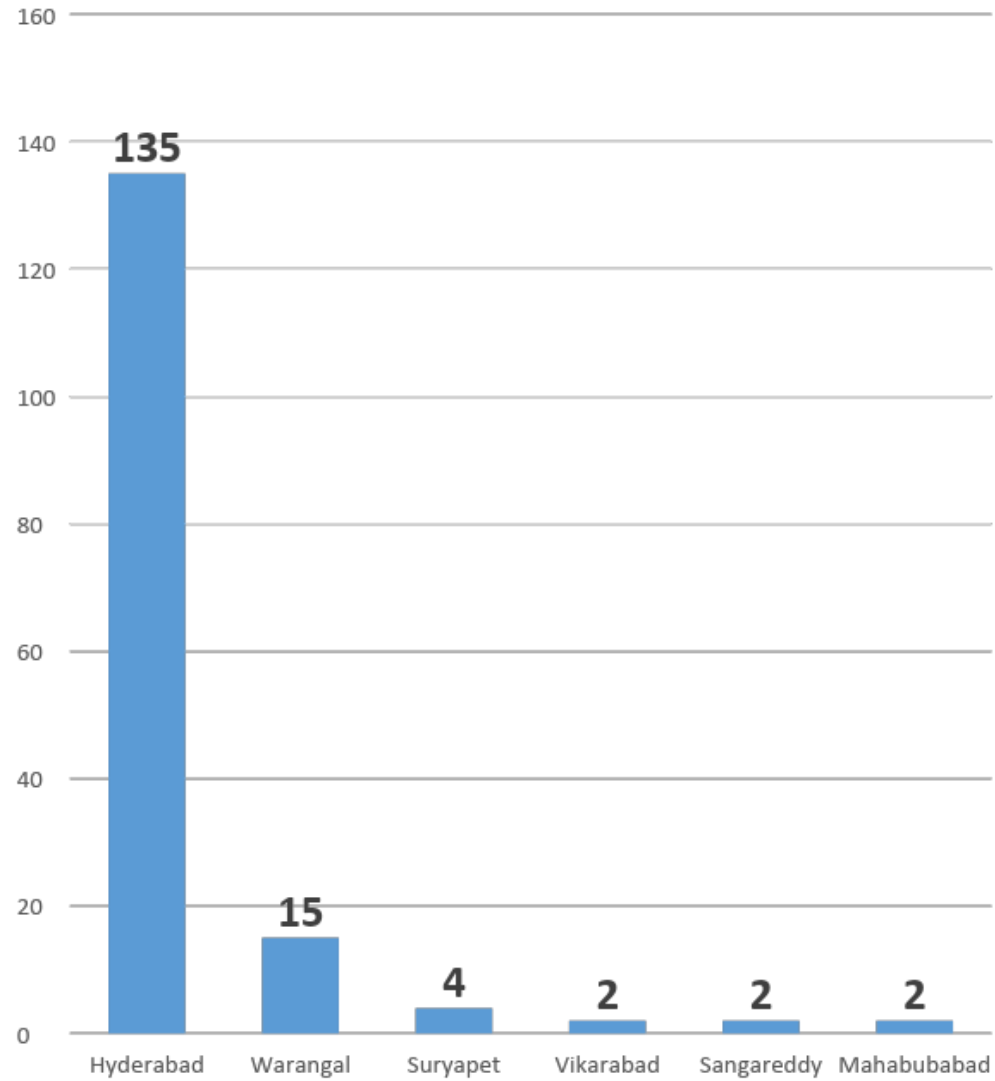
STATUS OF CASES IN BHAROSA COURT (April 7th 2018 to Feb 2022)

Case Status in Special POC SO Court	
Convictions	135
Life Imprisonment	13

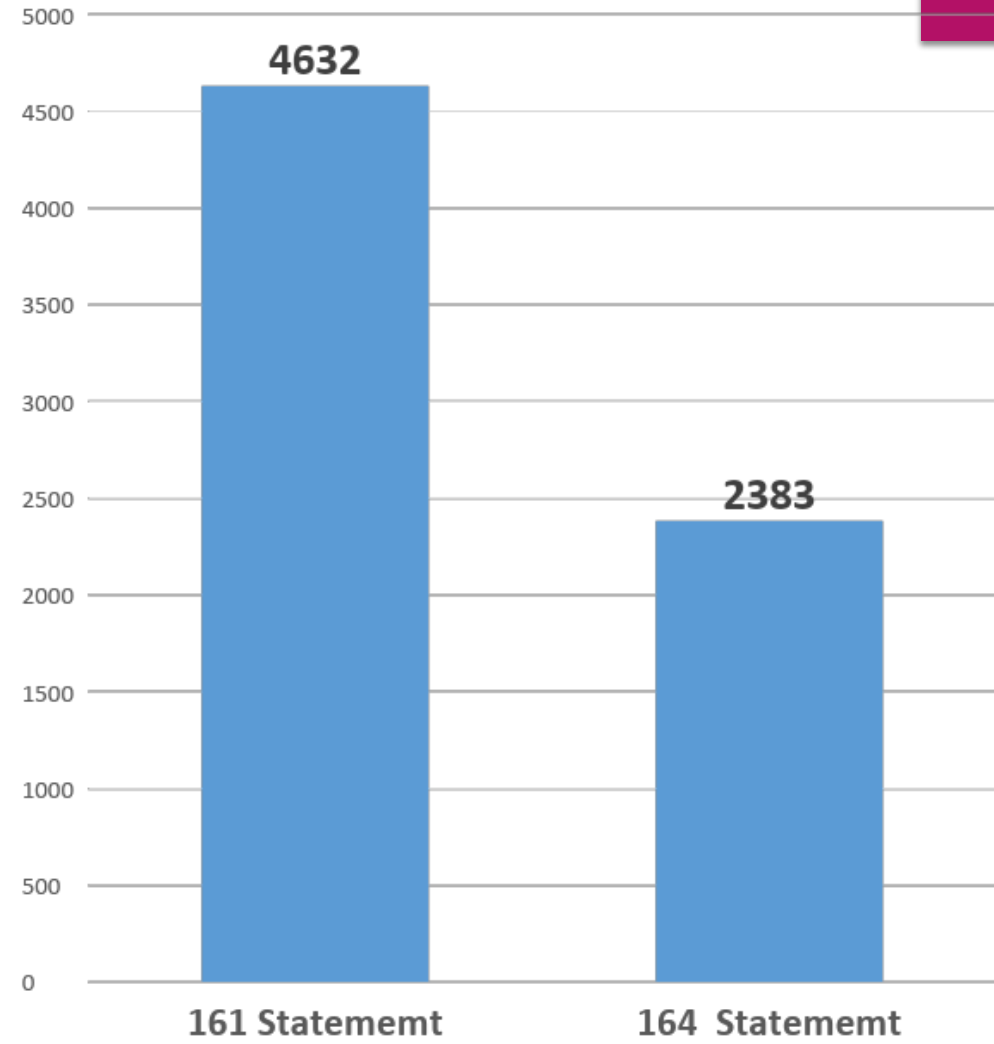


■ 2013 - 2017 ■ 2021-2022

Conviction -160



161 & 164 Statement recording



POINT NO. 42 OF THE JUDGMENT MENTIONS THAT :-

“In fact, it would be in the interest of children and women, and in the interest of justice if one stop centres are also set up in all the districts of the country as early as possible....”

One such centre which has already been set up is "BHAROSA" in Hyderabad. THIS CAN BE USED AS A MODEL FOR OTHER ONE STOP CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY

**Nipun Saxena Vs. Union of India, Ministry
of Home on 11th Dec, 2018**

**Writ Petition (Civil) No. 565 of 2012, W.P. (Crl.) Nos 1, 22, 148 of 2013, SLP (Crl.)
Crl.M.P.No.16041/2014 and W.P(C) No.568 of 2012 decided on
11.12.2018**





WHAT CAN BE DONE?

What to tell parents/caregivers...

- ▶ Do not ignore or undermine a child's statements and innocuous remarks.
- ▶ Believe what your child tells you.
- ▶ Do not to blame the child.
- ▶ Tell the child that the abuse was **not the child's fault**. Explain to the child about the measures that are being taken to make the child feel safe at home and at school.
- ▶ Show openness to the child sharing his/her experiences by saying, "When you want to tell me about what happened, how you feel about it, I am ready to listen."
- ▶ Get the child back to maintaining regular home (mealtime, bedtime) and school routines. (Normalizing process is essential to recovery)
- ▶ Discussion on how to report to relevant authority (Child Welfare Committee if necessary), and access and medical/ psychological help systems.
- ▶ Ensure that the child is provided with emergency medical services (EMS) (within 24 hours of filing the FIR) provided by state Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP) in government hospitals.
- ▶ Seek counselling from child mental health experts in government institutions to ensure that psychosocial assistance and healing interventions are provided to the child; and that evidence gathering and other legal processes are embedded within the healing context

NO CHILD SHOULD BECOME A VICTIM

- ▶ Having **strict boundaries**
- ▶ **Never say 'YES'** to strangers
- ▶ **Assess the Risk** – learn to avoid the risk or manage the risk smartly
- ▶ Learn to say “NO” – **NO means NO**
- ▶ **Safety** is Important
- ▶ **Believe in your family** – they are your well-wishers.
- ▶ Seek **HELP** –call 100 /1098



NO CHILD SHOULD BECOME AN OFFENDER

- ▶ What is legal – consent is important for adults – **For Minors there is no 'Consent'**.
- ▶ Sexual Intent – body language also matters.
- ▶ Know the Law & Punishments – severe, cannot get away with, a black mark in career, social stigma, No normal Life once caught – *for few moments of craziness lifelong suffering!*
- ▶ Have control on Self and on Emotions.
- ▶ Respect others – privacy, boundary, their Rights.



HELP IS AVAILABLE

- ▶ Contact **Child Help Line -1098**



- ▶ Police -100
- ▶ **SHE Teams** -040-27852355, WhatsApp – **9490616555**
- ▶ FB: SHETEAMHYD,
- ▶ Tweet: @HYDSHETEAM
- ▶ Install **HAWK Eye Mobile App**
- ▶ National Women Help Line -181

GIVE THEM THEIR RIGHTS AND MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE

THANK YOU!

