



Do You Know?

- Any sexual act performed without the consent of a woman is rape!
- Failure to register a sexual harassment complaint will lead to imprisonment of concerned officials!!
- Stalking, voyeurism, and verbal sexual assaults are also punishable with imprisonment!!!



This has been made possible by

- The **Congress** Party's firm belief that safety and dignity of women are inviolable principles.
- The **Congress** Party's concern about the impunity with which sexual assaults are happening in the country.
- The **Congress** Party's commitment to empower women.



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“ We cannot tolerate the shameful social mind-sets that lead to unspeakable atrocities on women and children. The Congress Party has always been in the forefront of the struggle for the full empowerment of women. We will continue this campaign. Every woman and girl in our country has a fundamental Constitutional right to feel safe and secure, to enjoy full equality in every respect. ”

- Smt. Sonia Gandhi



Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013

- Any sexual act performed without the consent of a woman is now legally considered as rape.
- Any public servant who refuses to register any sexual offence will be jailed for two years and also fined.
- Any hospital staff that refuses to treat victims of sexual assault will be imprisoned for one year and fined.
- Stringent penalties have been prescribed for sexual offenders.

They include:

1. **Acid attack:** Five to ten years (and a fine of Rs. Ten lakh as compensation towards victim).
2. **Rape:** At least seven years (up to life imprisonment) along with a fine.
3. **Gang rapes:** Imprisonment for ten years (or life).
4. Rape by people in authority: Five to 10 years imprisonment (or life).
5. **Rape of divorced wife:** Punishable by two to seven years in jail.
6. **Death of rape victim:** Minimum imprisonment for 20 years (or life imprisonment or death penalty).
7. **Stalking/ disrobing a woman,** voyeurism, and any form of sexual harassment will also lead to imprisonment.
8. **Verbal sexual assaults** are punishable with one to five years imprisonment.

Anyone found trafficking women, exploiting their labour, or harvesting their organs will be jailed for seven to 10 years in jail.



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