“Ever finding solution and never ending problem” – Brief note on Support services available for victims of violence

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INTRODUCTION

Violence

- Individual - protected by Law
- Group - resulting in institutionalized violence
- Political – aggravated form of group violence
- Religion – define principles of law overtaken by notions of faith or beliefs
CRIMINAL LAW

- Section 357 – Order to pay compensation
- Section 357A – Victim compensation scheme
- Section 357B – Compensation to be in addition to fine under Section 326A or Section 376D of IPC
- Section 357C – Treatment of victims
- Section 358 – Compensation to persons groundlessly arrested
- Section 359 – Order to pay costs in non-cognizable cases

- Malicious prosecution under Torts
PERSONAL LAWS

- Petition for Divorce,
- Judicial Separation,
- Maintenance pendenti lite,
- Alimony -
- COUNSELLING,
- CONCILIATION PROCEEDINGS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Duties of police officers,
- service providers
- Magistrate.—

A police officer, Protection Officer, service provider or Magistrate who has received a complaint of domestic violence or is otherwise present at the place of an incident of domestic violence or when the incident of domestic violence is reported to him, shall inform the aggrieved person—

(a) of her right to make an application for obtaining a relief by way of a protection order, an order for monetary relief, a custody order, a residence order, a compensation order or more than one such order under this Act;
• (b) of the availability of services of service providers;
• (c) of the availability of services of the Protection Officers;
• (d) of her right to free legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (39 of 1987);
• (e) of her right to file a complaint under section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860), wherever relevant:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed in any manner as to relieve a police officer from his duty to proceed in accordance with law upon receipt of information as to the commission of a cognizable offence.
REMEDIES

- Monetary Benefit
- Shared House hold
- Medical Benefit
- Compensation
- Maintenance
- Residence Order
- Protection Order
- Custody Order
S.3-Prevention of sexual harassment.

- No woman shall be subjected to sexual harassment at any workplace.
- The following circumstances, among other circumstances, if it occurs or is present in relation to or connected with any act or behaviour of sexual harassment may amount to sexual harassment-
  i. implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in her employment; or
  ii. implied or explicit threat of detrimental treatment in her employment; or
  iii. implied or explicit threat about her present or future employment status; or
  iv. interference with her work or creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment for her; or
  v. humiliating treatment likely to affect her health or safety.
SEXUAL HARASMENT ACT

- To prohibit sexual harassment as part of service rules
- To formulate & disseminate a no-harassment
- The Policy should state what constitutes sexual harassment & the procedures to process a complaint
- To provide safe no-harassment work environment
- To take preventive measures
- To conduct sensitization programmes to stakeholders
- To declare contact details of the Complaint Committee
PROCEDURE

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

LOCAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE
SAHELI

Saheli has been working against various forms of violence against women since its inception. Raising our voice when dowry harassment and murders were whispered about as 'private family matters' even by the police. Speaking out against rape, moral policing and practices such as sex-selective abortions, 'Sati' (widow burning) and honour killings sanctioned by society and religion.
Betibachao- Beteopadhao

- Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Bill 2015 passed by Parliament Flagship programme Betibachao- Beteopadhao and One –Stop Centres launched

- 33% reservation of women in police force, Special Mahila Police Volunteers, Gender Champions and mobile phone panic buttons to prevent crimes against women
Project Samvedana

- Project Samvedana – Prevention and Reducing Violence Against Women

“UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon 8 March 2007 Violence “Violence against women and girls continues unabated in every continent, country and culture. It takes a devastating toll on women’s lives, on their families, and on society as a whole. Most societies prohibit such violence — yet the reality is that too often, it is covered up or tacitly condoned”.
MAITRI

- Maitri’s Objectives:
- Changing Perceptions and mindsets
- Prevention and Reducing Violence against women
- Production and distribution of information and educational material
- Dissemination of information on feminist issues
- Advocacy on women’s rights and gender equality
- Campaigns about violence against women (individual to community level)
- Roshini helpline
- Asmitha resource center for Women
- Shaheens women’s organization
- SHE teams - EVE Teasing
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PATIENCE
LISTENING