

Offence Against Women in India

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Meaning of offence

- Offence means an act which is against the society and which is punishable by law.

Main offence and punishment related to the women under IPC

- Section-294 Obscene acts and songs
- Section-304-B Dowry death
- Section-312 Causing miscarriage
- Section-354 Outrage of modesty of women
- Section-375 Rape
- Section- 494 Bigamy
- Section-498-A Cruelty against women by her husband and her relatives

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- Whoever being the husband or relative of the husband of women, subjects such women to cruelty shall be liable for this offence.
- Punishment- maximum three year imprisonment and shall also be liable to fine

Section- 494 Bigamy

- Any person shall marry during the life of his wife with any other women shall be liable for the offence of bigamy.
- Punishment-maximum seven years and shall also be liable to fine

Section-294 Obscene acts and songs

- whoever, to the annoyance of others-

1- does any obscene act in any public place or

2- sings, recites or utters any obscene songs, ballad or words, in or near any public place,

shall be punished with imprisonment of either description of for a term which may extend to three months , or with fine, or with both.

Section-304-B Dowry death

- Where the death of women is caused by burns or bodily injury or occurs otherwise than under normal circumstances within seven years of her marriage and it is shown that soon before her death she was subjected to cruelty or harassment by her husband or any relative of her husband for, or in connection with, any demand for dowry, such death shall be called dowry death.
- Punishment- minimum seven years imprisonment which may be extended to imprisonment for life.

Section-312 Causing miscarriage

- Whoever voluntarily causes a woman with child to miscarry shall be liable for offence of miscarriage .
- Punishment- maximum imprisonment for seven year and fine also

Section-354 Outrage of modesty of women

- Whoever assaults or uses criminal force to any women , intending to outrage or knowing it to be likely that he will thereby outrage her modesty shall be liable for this offence .
- Punishment- minimum one year imprisonment which may be extended to five years, and shall also be liable to fine

Section-375 Rape

- When a person makes sexual relation against the will of the woman that person shall be liable for the offence of rape
- Punishment-sec(376)- minimum seven years which may be extended to life imprisonment and shall also be liable to fine.