

स्मृति ज़ूबिन इरानी  
Smriti Zubin Irani



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महिला एवं बाल विकास और वस्त्र  
भारत सरकार  
नई दिल्ली  
Minister  
Women & Child Development and Textiles  
Government of India  
New Delhi

D.O.No. CW-I-30/3/2019-CW-I

Dated: 17 September, 2019

Aadarniya Sarpanch ji,

The Government of India has notified the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 2019 effective from 16.08.2019. The POCSO Act has been amended in order to make it more effective in dealing with cases of child sexual abuse in the country and aims at arresting the rising trend of gruesome and heart wrenching offences being committed against children. A copy of the POCSO Amendment Act, 2019 is enclosed for information.

2. You would appreciate that the POCSO Act is an important legislation aimed at protecting children from various types of sexual abuses. The crime against children has been a serious concern of this Government and we are committed to take all necessary measures to arrest the same. In furtherance of this, the erstwhile POCSO Act, 2012 has been amended and provides for more stringent punishments such as increase in the imprisonment period and life imprisonment for remainder of the life of the perpetrator. Now depending on the gravity of the offence the Courts may impose penalties on the perpetrator which includes the option of death penalty in extreme cases of aggravated penetrative sexual assault. Besides, the amendment provides categorical definition of child pornography as well as suitable provisions to arrest such crime.

3. The above mentioned amendments are expected to discourage the trend of child sexual abuse by acting as a deterrent due to introduction of strong penal provisions. However mere introduction of such provisions will not prevent the incidences of child sexual abuse in the nation. The objectives of the Act will remain defeated until and unless the provisions of the Act are not implemented in true letter and spirit and also through the collective efforts and active participation of all concerned.

4. In view of the above, I urge you to raise awareness among the public through all forums so that no child is left out of the safety net. This may be achieved through social drives and sensitization programmes which may be conducted by participation of people. These social drives should not be restricted to information on provisions of the Act, but also preventive ideas may be inculcated in the communities through such drives, thereby eliminating the occurrence of the offence in the first instance.

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5. I would therefore request you to join in our efforts of making our country safe for children, so that they are given facilities to develop in a healthy manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity.

With Regards,

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Aadarniya Zila Panchayat Adhyaksh ji,

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