

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE  
MEGHALAYA ::: SHILLONG**

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**Subject : LAWS RELATING TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

In view of the fact that various crimes against women and children are on the increase, it is a professional requirement that the Police officers at the cutting edge level deployed at PS/OP level, should know which law and sections of law are in the force, which shall be applied to give correct direction to the investigation of the cases and bring the perpetrators of crime to expeditious justice.

The following is the list of the laws and sections of law relating to various crimes against women and children, for the guidance of all field level officers. Superintendents of Police are instructed to regularly brief the officers and men during thana visit, crime conference and periodic inspections of the PS/OPs.

**Laws relating to women.**

- Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- Protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956

**Laws relating to Abortion**

- Medical termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971
- Pre-Natal Diagnosis Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994
- Pre-Natal Diagnosis Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Amendment Act, 2001
- Pre-Natal Diagnosis Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Amendment Act, 2002.

**Laws relating to working women**

- Equal Remuneration Act, 1976
- Maternity Benefit Act, 1961

**The Indian Penal Code, 1860**

- Dowry death **S304B**
- Causing miscarriage **S312**
- Or miscarriage without the women's consent death caused by act with intent to cause miscarriage **S313**
- Assault or criminal force to a women with intent to outrage her modesty **S354**
- Rape **S375**
- Kidnapping, abducting or inducing women to compel her marriage **S366**
- Preventing a child from being born alive or causing its death after birth **S315**
- Causing death of quick unborn child by act amounting to culpable homicide **316**
- Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body **S318**
- Abandoning a child under 12 years of age **S317**
- Procreation of minor girl **S366A**
- Importation of girl from foreign country **S366B**
- Selling minor for propose of prostitution **S372**
- Buying minor for purpose of prostitution **S373**
- Intercourse by man with his wife during separation **S376A**
- Intercourse by public servant with a women in his custody **S376B**
- Intercourse by superintendent of jail, remand home , etc **S376C**
- Intercourse by a member of management of staff of a hospital with any women in that hospital **S376D**
- Cohabitation caused by a man deceitfully inducing a belief of lawful marriage **S493**
- Marrying again during lifetime of spouse **S494**
- Concealment of former marriage **S495**
- Fraudulent marriage ceremony without lawful marriage **S496**
- Adultery **S497**
- Enticing, detaining or taking away with criminal intent a married women **S498**
- Husband or relative of a husband of a women subjecting to her cruelty **S498A**

- Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman **S509**
- Assault or criminal force to women with intent to outrage her modesty **S354**

## Laws relating to children

- Child Labour ( Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986
- Child Marriage restraint Act, 1929.
- Children Act, 1960
- Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933
- Commission for the Protection of Child Right (Amendment) Act, 2006
- Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2000
- Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- Reformatory Schools Act, 1897
- Young Persons (Harmful Publication) Act, 1956



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## Other laws

- Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955
- Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993
- Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2000
- Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006

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