

Laws Related to Women

- WOMEN-SPECIFIC LEGISLATIONS
 1. [The Immoral Traffic \(Prevention\) Act, 1956](#)
 2. [The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 \(28 of 1961\) \(Amended in 1986\)](#)
 3. [The Indecent Representation of Women \(Prohibition\) Act, 1986](#)
 4. [The Commission of Sati \(Prevention\) Act, 1987 \(3 of 1988\)](#)
 5. [Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005](#)
 6. [National Commission for Women Act, 1990 \(20 of 1990\)](#)
 7. [The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques \(Regulation and Prevention of misuse\) Act 1994](#)
 8. Sexual Harassment at Workplace
- WOMEN-RELATED LEGISLATIONS
 1. [The Indian Penal Code,1860](#)
 2. [The Indian Evidence Act, 1872](#)
 3. [The Married Women's Property Act, 1874 \(3 of 1874\)](#)
 4. [The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 \(15 of 1872\)](#)
 5. [The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 \(19 of 1929\)](#)
 6. [The Indian Divorce Act, 1969 \(4 of 1969\)](#)
 7. [The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 \(53 of 1961\)](#)
 8. [Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973](#)
 9. [The Family Courts Act, 1984](#)
 10. [The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976](#)
 11. [The Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, 1956](#)
 12. [The Guardians and Wards Act,1890](#)
 13. [The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923](#)
 14. [The Trade Unions Act 1926](#)
 15. [The Payments of Wages Act, 1936](#)
 16. [The Payments of Wages \(Procedure\) Act, 1937](#)
 17. [The Muslim Personal Law \(Shariat\) Application Act, 1937](#)
 18. [Employers Liabilities Act 1938](#)
 19. [The Minimum Wages Act, 1948](#)
 20. [The Employees' State Insurance Act,1948](#)
 21. [The Factories Act, 1948](#)
 22. [The Minimum Wages Act, 1950](#)
 23. [The Plantation Labour Act, 1951 \(amended by Acts Nos. 42 of 1953, 34 of 1960, 53 of 1961, 58 of 1981 and 61 of 1986\)](#)
 24. [The Cinematograph Act, 1952](#)
 25. [The Mines Act 1952](#)
 26. [The Special Marriage Act, 1954](#)
 27. [The Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955](#)
 28. [The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 \(28 of 1989\)](#)
 29. [The Hindu Adoptions & Maintenance Act, 1956](#)
 30. [The Hindu Succession Act, 1956](#)
 31. [The Beedi & Cigar Workers \(Conditions of Employment\) Act, 1966](#)
 32. [The Foreign Marriage Act, 1969 \(33 of 1969\)](#)
 33. [The Contract Labour \(Regulation & Abolition\) Act, 1970](#)
 34. [The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 \(34 of 1971\)](#)
 35. [The Bonded Labour System \(Abolition\) Act, 1979](#)
 36. [The Inter-State Migrant Workmen \(Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service\) Act, 1979](#)
 37. [The Muslim women Protection of Rights on Dowry Act 1986](#)
 38. [Mental Health Act, 1987](#)
 39. [The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 \[As amended by the Protection of Human Rights \(Amendment\) Act, 2006–No. 43 of 2006\]](#)
 40. [Juvenile Justice Act, 2000](#)
 41. [The Child Labour \(Prohibition & Regulation\) Act](#)

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OFFENCES AGAINST WOMEN

Sl. No.	Type of Offences	Penal Sections	Ingredients of the Sections	Punishment
1.	Torture Torture with common intention	498(A) I.P.C. 498-A/34 IPC	Subjected cruelty by the husband and relation of the Husband (i) There must be marriage, (ii) Torture within 7 years of marriage -do-	Imprisonment may extend to 3 years and fine -do-
2.	Dowry torture Dowry torture with attempt to murder	498-A/34 IPC 4 & 6 D.P. Act 498A/34/307 IPC & 4 DP Act	-do- and demand of dowry before, during and after marriage -do- & attempt to commit murder by burning, hanging or poisoning, throttling, stabbing	
3.	Dowry death (i) Murder (ii) Abetment to commit suicide	304-B/34 IPC 498-A/304-B/302/34 IPC 498-A/306/34 IPC & 4 DP Act	Death of bride within 7 years of marriage -do-	Death sentence/imprisonment for life and fine Imprisonment extend to 10 years and fine
4.	Rape	376 IPC	There must be sexual intercourse & penetration to the women. -against will & without consent. -consent by fear of death or of hurt -consent by giving false believe of lawful marriage -consent at unsoundness of mind intoxication & at the unable understandings of the nature of consequences. -with or without consent under 16 years of age. -with or without consent of wife under 15 years of age.	Imprisonment for 7 years which may extend to life or 10 years also be liable to fine
	(i) Rape with own wife who is living separately with decree of separation	376 A IPC	-do-	2 years and also liable to fine

	(ii) Rape by public servant	376B IPC	Ingredients of Sec.376 IPC	Imprisonment extend to 5 years & also liable to fine
	(iii) Rape by custodial authority	376 C IPC	-do-	Imprisonment extend to 5 years
	(iv) Rape by hospital staff or its authority	376 D IPC	-do-	
	(v) Rape by knowing to be pregnant	376 E IPC	-do-	
	(vi) Child rape	376F IPC	Ingredients of Sec.376 IPC & under the age of 12 years	
	(vii) Gang rape	376G IPC	Rape commits more than one person	Rigorous imprisonment for 10 years which may extend to life and also be liable to fine.
	(viii) Attempt to commit rape	376/511 IPC	Attempt does any act towards commission of rape	
	(ix) Un-natural offence	377 IPC	Carnal intercourse against the order of nature through anus or mouth of a woman.	Imprison may extend to 10 years and also liable to fine.
5.	Outrage of modesty	354 IPC	There must be assault or use of criminal force	Imprisonment extend to 2 years also be liable to fine or both.
6.	False promise to marry & cheating rape	376/417 IPC	Not caused in good faith for the purpose of saving the life of women	Imprisonment for life or extend to 10 years and also be liable to fine.
7.	Miscarriage	313 IPC	Causing miscarriage without consent of women	-do-
8.	Kidnapping	363 IPC	Takes or entices from lawful guardianship -under 18 years of age in case of female -without consent of guardian -in unsound mind and minor	Imprisonment extend to 7 years and also liable to fine
		363A IPC	Kidnapping of minor to be employed for the purpose of begging	Imprison may extend to 10 years and also liable to fine
	Abduction/kidnapping with a danger of murder	364 IPC	Kidnapping or abduction at any age which may be murder or may be disposed off as to be put in danger or being murdered	-do-
	Kidnapping or abduction with confinement	365 IPC	Secretly and wrongful confinement	Imprisonment may extend to 7 years
	Kidnapping/abduction with sexual	366 IPC	Commits kidnap/abduction with sexual intercourse by force which seduce to illicit	Imprison may extend to 10 years and also be liable to fine

	intercourse			
9.	Adultery	497 IPC	Sexual intercourse to a wife of another man without consent or connivance of that man -the wife shall not be an abettor	Imprisonment may extend to 5 years or with fine or with both.
10.	Second marriage	494/496/498 A IPC	-There must be marriage within 7 years -during life or with a living wife -dishonest with fraudulent intention goes through the ceremony	Imprisonment may extend to 7 years and also liable to fine