

**WELCOME
to
Discussion
on**

**Preventive Strategy on Child Sexual Abuse
26.4.2018**

As per Crime in India, NCRB's reports for the year 2014 to 2016, details of POCSO cases are as under:

Year	No of cases recorded	Person arrested	Persons convicted	Conviction rate under POCSO	Conviction rate under IPC
2014	8904	1172	100	24.6	31.3
2015	14913	18651	858	41.9	29.4
2016	36022	42196	3226	29.6	23.9

90205 cases were pending trial at the end of the year 2016



In order to tackle Sexual Crime against Children, the need was felt to develop a comprehensive preventive strategy with public participation. An open request was made on 27.11.2017 to general public on NCPCR's website seeking suggestions .

160 Responses were received. They have been grouped as follows:

1. Awareness	- 75
2. Legal	- 38
3. School	- 30
4. Policy/Programme	- 16
5. Childline	-01

Suggestions received on Awareness generation

- **Community awareness program - 27**
- **Sex education - 06**
- **Sensitize public on POCSO Act, 2012 - 26**
- **Empowering children with Life Skills for self protection - 06**
- **Public awareness on punishments through all TV/Radio/ Print media - 08**
- **To guide parents to teach their children regarding csa- 01**
- **Non-interference of politicians in filling of FIR- 01**
- **Focus on Children under 6 years, who require the most nurturing care and protection - 01**

Suggestions received on Legal issues

- **Punishment should be increased in csa - 15**

- **Eradication of pornography/alcohol/obscenity/ vulgarity /violence in Movies/Censorship of TV Serials and such content on TV Channels/ a total clean up of content on Internet /ban of such drugs eg Jinga Gold /viagara - 07**

- **Fast Track Court/quick decision in csa cases-10**

- **POCSO Act to ensure safe & secure future of child also-02**

Suggestions received on Legal issues (Contd.)

- **Amendment in the POCSO Act (01):**
 - **Joint coordination or mechanism to be set up wherever possible to minimize the repeated recording of the statement of the victim child (eg: the CWC, Police and the Magistrate).**
 - **Reducing period of recording evidence of child from 30 days to maximum of 7 days.**
 - **Reducing the period of trail from one year to 6 months.**

- **More accountability of staff of Government Children's Home for security and safety of children - 02**

- **Punishment of false alarm creators - 01**



Suggestions received on School issues

- .School should have one counsellor - 05
- Installation of CCTV Cameras - 08
- Verification of every staff including teachers etc.-07
- Conduct of regular safety audits and transparency in sharing results along with action plan to stakeholders (e.g. parents, children, etc.)- 07
- Designated Child Protection Officer - 01
- Prevention of csa should be part of syllabus-01
- Bullying should not be stopped by teachers. I used to get bullied but lesson taught to me by my parents was 'face it, learn from it and then reply back' and 'you have to fight on your own - 01

Suggestions received Policy/Programme issues

- A separate Rehabilitation Centre to be established in every district for professional therapeutic intervention for the victims of csa -01
- Legal Resource Centre for Child Rights (LRCCR) should be set up to prevent child sexual abuse -01
- Independent body for addressing and managing such cases-01
- Creating a post of Social Worker Protection Officer at Police Station, at Primary/High School Level and in society for every 5000 people -01
- Create a Dedicated Helpline (just like Dial 100 for police) for registering a Child Abuse case. Alternative is to have a website to report the same-01
- Create a National Database with the list of Abusers accessible to Schools, Hotels and institutions where the abusers can be employed-01



Suggestions received on Policy/Programme (contd..)

- Many cases goes unreported, as the reporter is harassed. Recognize /incentivize the reporter so that more people will come forward-01
- Providing clinical support services to paedophiles and hebephiles (Project Dunkelfeld is an example) - 01
- Encourage sports & physical outdoor games -01
- Cameras & Audio monitoring of places that children visit -01
- Prevent Begging -01
- Increase the capacity & number of Child Counselors & Psychiatrists -01

- Increase the staffing of CWCs - 01
- Parents Children Counseling -01
- Avoid Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) -01
- Permanent Special Public Prosecutors should be appointed for POCSO courts -01

Suggestions received on Childline issues

Childline should have more counsellors and trained staff.

Thank you

