



National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 will also apply in case of deceased minor.

The Government has clarified that the provision of Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which prohibits disclosure of identify of children, is also applicable in case of disclosure of identify of a deceased minor.

Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 states that-

- (1) No report in any newspaper, magazine, news-sheet or audio-visual media or other forms of communication regarding any inquiry or investigation or judicial procedure, shall disclose the name, address or school or any other particular, which may lead to the identification of a child in conflict with law or a child in need of care and protection or a child victim or witness of a crime, involved in such matter, under any other law for the time being in force, nor shall the picture of any such child be published:

Provided that for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Board or Committee, as the case may be, holding the inquiry may permit such disclosure, if in its opinion such disclosure is in the best interest of the child.

- (2) The Police shall not disclose any record of the child for the purpose of character certificate or otherwise in cases where the case has been closed or disposed of.
- (3) Any person contravening the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to two lakh rupees or both.

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