

RAPE

This is the most burning issue related to crime against women in India now-a-days. After the Nirbhaya issue country wide protest has been started in order to punish the culprit as soon as possible and the protest was also against the lethargic role of police towards this type of crime also there was demand to make more strict law against this type of heinous crime. Though section 375 of Indian Penal Code define rape as A man is said to commit "rape" if he—

- a. penetrates his penis, to any extent, into the vagina, mouth, urethra or anus of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or
- b. inserts, to any extent, any object or a part of the body, not being the penis, into the vagina, the urethra or anus of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or
- c. manipulates any part of the body of a woman so as to cause penetration into the vagina, urethra, anus or any ~ of body of such woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or
- d. applies his mouth to the vagina, anus, urethra of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person, under the circumstances falling under any of the following seven descriptions: —

First. —Against her will.

Secondly. —Without her consent.

Thirdly. —With her consent, when her consent has been obtained by putting her or any person in whom she is interested, in fear of death or of hurt.

Fourthly. —With her consent, when the man knows that he is not her husband and that her consent is given because she believes that he is another man to whom she is or believes herself to be lawfully married.

Fifth/y.—With her consent when, at the time of giving such consent, by reason of unsoundness of mind or intoxication or the administration by him personally or through

another of any stupefying or unwholesome Substance, she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of that to which she gives consent.

Sixthly. —With or without her consent, when she is under eighteen years of age.

Seventhly. —When she is unable to communicate consent.

And section 376 tells about the punishment for rape which shall not be less than seven years but which may be for life or for a term which may extend to ten years and shall also be liable to fine

Rape is a violent crime and causes a great deal of destruction. Because of this, it is imperative that anyone who has been raped seeks help immediately—from parents, a priest, from society and most importantly from you.

Before criticizing our courts for being less strict with rapists, we have to remind ourselves that they cannot take any kind of arbitrary decision.

- Every time such a horrible crime takes place, what do we do? Take part in a candle march, share posts on WhatsApp and Facebook, rant about it on Twitter?
- We need to do much more than that if we want true justice. Whenever a woman dresses in a way different than the traditional dressing sense, people don't hesitate to find faults and she gets judged for being a slut.
- When women break all these nonsense stereotypes, these kind of men think of her as an 'easy-to-get' girl and all the eve-teasing and molestation starts.
- It is not like a woman is safe from disgusting and perverted looks if she even wears conservative and traditional clothing.

So we just need to change our mind set who thinks of women as 'objects' whom they have the power to control to dress in a particular way, to talk in a particular way, to walk in a particular way etc.

The main contention is the approach of the society towards the victims which has not been very good so far and also the role of judiciary who also have a very lethargic approach towards the trial which should be improved as soon as possible.