



## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF LAWS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

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### **Abstract**

That "numerous laws exist to curb this danger; India is facing a rising number of workplace sexual assault cases. It impedes women's constitutional and civil rights to equality, justice and dignity in an irrefutable way. In the Vishaka Guidelines, the Supreme Court of India accepted sexual abuse in the workplace as a violation of human rights. Rather than increasing the number of sexual harassment cases faced by women, there is an urgent need to establish a strong law to protect against such harassment. On 23 April 2013, a comprehensive bill came into force that addresses the safety of women in the face of sexual abuse in the workplace through the enactment of the Law on women at work (prevention, prohibition and reparation) of 2013 ". The article begins by defining the definition of sexual harassment and then discusses the various aspects associated with this brutal problem. In addition, the problems with the measures taken to clarify the status of sexual abuse in the Indian context and how organizations can help safeguard the dignity of their workers are discussed. Study shows workplace sexual harassment problem is at an alarming level and businesses and government need urgent attention.

### **OVERVIEW**

Sexual harassment at workplace if it is a civilized country or perhaps a modern country or our region, India, or even a poorly developed nation, abuses & cruelties against women were normal worldwide. Today the nation is accustomed to even use the term sexual harassment. Sexual assault may be called behavior. It can generally be described as unwelcome sexual activity<sup>1</sup>. Sexual harassment there seems to be a systemic problem for employers globally, whether this is a developed country, a socialist country or a poorly developed nation, massacres and cruelties toward women were always normal. It's just a phenomenon that causes negative impacts on males and females. We have noted that more done with women's identity, these days individuals' the most insecure group of society. Sexual harassment is indeed a significant problem in work and is now one of those problems which attract much negative attention. Through the years, "at all points in our society's existence, women are already exposed to numerous injustices & inequities. They face all manner of disrespect, financial and social abuse, serfdom, and rejection. However, their battle towards dignity, respect, or survival doesn't conclude. Women's work in all fields highly underestimates and subject to discrimination based on gender. Despite many laws aimed at eradicating gender disparities, India is experiencing a gradual decline in women's workforce participation.

Sexual harassment this is a severe form of occupational gender inequality but a violation of both civil rights, including

<sup>11</sup> Basu, D. D. (1994). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. 16th ed. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.



constitutional rights enshrined with the Indian Constitution. Another type of violence against women is with patriarchal attitudes and sexism towards women at work. It can also be a consequence of power dynamics since women are often more likely to be victims of sexual assault due to various, usually established weaknesses, uncertainty & societal conditioned would tolerate silent harassment.

Sexual abuse in India on the job has reached an alarming degree (Senger, 2016)<sup>2</sup>. “Surprisingly, several cases of sexual harassment have happened within Indian organizations. For example, iGate CEO Mr. Phaneesh Murthy was asked to resign instantly after his subordinate employee's sexual assault (The Hindu, 2013). In this same high-profile situation, Tehelka's former editor-in-chief, Mr. Tarun Tejpal, became charged with sexual assault through his subordinate employee at the Goa Thinkfest, another event hosted by that of the magazine itself.” Because these cases indeed contributed towards greater visibility, several businesses do not comply only with proposed rules (Madhok, 2014)<sup>3</sup>. Rates of in-person sexual harassment doubled from 57 in 2014 to 119 in 2015, the Central Office of Criminal History figures show. In comparison, the number of sexual harassment cases in many other work-related settings rose by 51 percent from 469 in 2014 to 714 in 2015 (Chachra, 2017)<sup>4</sup>.”

<sup>2</sup> Senger, A. S. (2016). Analysis on sexual harassment of women at workplace, *International Journal of Law and Legal Jurisprudence Studies*, 3(1), 391-400.

<sup>3</sup> Madhok, D. (2014). Are you sure your company is in compliance with India's new anti-sexual harassment law? *QUARTZ India*, Retrieved October 26, 2017, from <https://qz.com/266427/are-you-sure->

The fundamental analysis aims to explain the concept of sexual assault, the evolution of both the various laws relating to sexual harassment in India, the problems relevant to this and the proactive steps taken among Indian organizations to hunt them down. But they are removing that sexual harassment epidemic. Throughout this study, the research methodology is the doctrinal, regulatory, but secondary sources of information, including jurisprudence, books, journals, blogs, newspapers, etc.

The legislation, the Rule on Sexual employment discrimination (Prevention, Punishment, and Remedy), 2013, seeks to resolve gender equality concerns that just isn't limited to sexual harassment cases alone. Sexual abuse is part of a more effective form of gender-based violence and can thus regard as an infringement of women's human rights. The legislation puts responsibilities for maintaining the welfare of female workers on employers. It must treat from such a broader perspective in compliance with the Vishaka guidelines laid down either by Apex Court in 1997.

News from Srinagar arrived in February 2014 that only the state minister of health, Shabeer Ahmed Khan, became due towards a decrease to accusations of sexual assault by yet another doctor working under him. Still, no one arrested him or took court charges toward him. 1 Security and dignity, the

[your-company-is-in-compliance-with-indias-new-sexual-harassment-norms/](https://www.supremoamicus.org/your-company-is-in-compliance-with-indias-new-sexual-harassment-norms/)

<sup>4</sup> Centre for Social Research (2009). *Women Managers in India: Challenges and Opportunities*, 1-109. Chachra, M. (2017). 70% working women do not report workplace sexual harassment in India, *Business*



capitalist economic model has severely undermined cardinal determinants in every place of work for female workers. Globalization dramatically altered the distribution of labor around the globe. "The so-called economic reforms" were especially damaging towards women workers<sup>5</sup>.

Women's economic freedom, that primary condition for women's liberation in society, is now at risk. Women's protection and integrity on the job or in the community severely abused. In short, in this patriarchal culture of production, women workers seem to be the most oppressed. They become emotionally and physically vulnerable. Sexual harassment and abuse have been the most violent attack, which violates women's dignity at work and society. "Naturally, the current legislation isn't stringent enough (The Tribune, March 20, 2014). The Indian Penal Code has struggled to safeguard women in India<sup>6</sup>.

These entirely based on another rising social of workplace challenges in the light of the increasing reports of sexual abuse and violence against women. Regulation of current anti-bullying rules or the Supreme Court's guidelines, commonly known as that of the 1997 Vishaka Guidelines, aimed at the structured sector; have yet to be enforced in the right spirit. There should be no further respite to ensure that now the laws that protect women are thoroughly but reasonably enforced. A valuable feature of the 2013 legislation would be that it enables substantial improvements upon this standards

for Vishaka, Which imposes proactive requirements also on workers shall ensure that meaningful actions implemented to inform workers on not just the role of the Complaints Committee but also with the definition of sexual abuse of women in the industry are discriminated against bluntly.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment a challenging word to describe has indeed been defined as including several behaviors. Efforts to explain this concept accurately were made throughout domestically and globally. The idea is also subject to varying meanings. Others say that it was better to not communicate with friends not to be embroiled with such a sexual assault case. Sexual harassment has become a universal issue that has only increased with time and with so many stringent laws and heavy restrictions, yet many cases reported sexual harassment is not limited to just person to person physically, but it has also expanded its range through online platforms. The increasing use of the Internet over past 25-30 years have acted as a forum for sexual harassment that have gone mostly unnoticed until recently. Although the internet has brought a range of advantages and improvements to today's culture, the dark side has increasingly arisen as internet users face sexism, stalking, identity theft, cyberbullying or online journaling<sup>7</sup>. Sexual harassment issues in the last couple of years have rapidly increased and covered in the Indian media. Every woman must feel safe at the workplace and to make her feel safe and

<sup>5</sup> Dashora, D. K. B. (2013). Problems faced by working women in India. *International Journal of Advanced Research in Management and Social Sciences*, 2(8), 82-94

<sup>6</sup> Gelfand, M. J., Fitzgerald, L.F., & Drasgow, F. (1995). The structure of sexual harassment: A

confirmatory analysis across cultures and settings. *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 47(2), 164-177

<sup>7</sup> Kapila, P. (2017). Evolution of the Indian law on workplace sexual harassment, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Invention*, 6(9), 46-52



secure, it is high time that employers take affirmative steps in implementing zero-tolerance policies at their workplaces towards sexual harassment and ensure that the complaint investigated swiftly and confidentially. Some people escape the criminal justice system 's ads, corruption, inconsistencies and harshness, the new framework and mechanism is useful because it needs many improvements. It is clear because many people escape the criminal justice system 's ads, corruption, inconsistencies or harshness, this new mechanism and procedure is good because it needs several improvements. Sexual harassment Is a form of sexual harassment (Thomas, 2015)<sup>8</sup> defined when unwelcome oral, visual or sexual behavior (Zgheib, 2015)<sup>9</sup> that is serious or systemic and impacts working conditions or produces a hostile workplace environment. The World Bank (1994) notes that "sexual harassment has been any unwelcome personal progression, Application for sexual favor or indeed any verbal, non-verbal or physical sexual activity that disrupts absurdly during work," becomes a requirement of the job or produces an atmosphere of coercion, aggression or offensiveness.

"It must be remembered that even the most critical aspect for both definitions is the unwelcome behavior but toxic working environment which exacerbates the impact of

these changes on the beneficiary. Sexual harassment becomes gender violence against women at work and gender assault. (2014) or put, sexual abuse at work hampers women's civil and human rights or freedom, justice, and dignity."

That document issued within the Workplace Act 2013 on Sexual Harassment (Prevention, Prohibition, and Reseal) is consistent only with the Vishakha decision. It means "any unwelcome act or behavior (openly or implicitly) such as physical touch and promotion, demanding or asking for sexual favors, sexually flavored remarks, Viewing pornography, or some physical, verbal, or non-verbal sexual activity unwelcome. The different elements of both the sexual harm are shown in their framework and per the Vishaka case against Rajasthan. In this sense, physical abuse involves physical contact, including the use of work-related intimidation to pursue sexual favors. Physical behavior includes remarks also on the attractiveness of a woman, sexual harassment, etc. Including non-verbal activity includes acts of sexual harassment, wheezing, etc.<sup>10</sup>

Similarly, Gelfand et al. (1993) It discovered that there would be several types of sexual harassment, including gender-based harassment (hostile and aggressive actions towards women, along with gender-based

<sup>8</sup> Thomas, A. (2015). Incidents of sexual harassment at educational institutions in India: Preventive measures and grievance handling. *International Journal of Recent Advances in Multidisciplinary Research*, 2(3), 0317-0322.

<sup>9</sup> Zgheib P. W. (2015). Sexual harassment laws and their impact on the work environment. In Zgheib

<sup>10</sup> The World Bank (1994). *Preventing and Stopping Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*. Washington, D.C.



hazing), (ii) unwelcome romantic attention (repeated efforts to establish a post-rejection dating relationship, improper contact, and sexual violence or assault) as well as (iii) sexual coercion (bribery or sexual partnership threats).

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND LEGAL PROVISIONS IN INDIA**

In India, before both the landmark ruling within the Vishaka case, there are still no laws or rules as that then specifically discussed the gigantic question of women's sexual harassment at work. Centered on another case, India's Supreme Court had developed guidelines (commonly known as Vishaka Guidelines) that require all employers to provide an appropriate mechanism to ensure that our organizations didn't impede women's access to gender equity employees.

However, the case has made it quite clear that another case involving sex discrimination at work constitutes a breach of human rights and opens the way other laws on sexual harassment of women at work in India<sup>11</sup>. The 'Defense of Women from Sexual Assault also in Workplace Bill, 2010' legislation was passed in India with either a view to even more specifically identifying sexual harassment, including providing a framework for complaint resolution. Further, the Women at Work Statute On Sexual Assault (Prevention, Enforcement, and Redress) 2013 This introduced to explain certain sorts of activities become protected by the umbrella of sexual harassment and how companies should take effective action to

ensure women's protection their reputation. Under the Workplace Sexual Harassment Act: (Prevention, Punishment, and Redressal) 2013 (Narayana, 2013):

- **Section (1):** - No woman shall be subjected to any workplace sexual harassment;
- **Section (2):** The employer has a safe workplace atmosphere that requires everyone who came in contact at the workplace.

Another critical piece of legislation put into effect by the Indian state is the "Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013". The law went into effect on February 3, 2013, following the nationwide uproar following the Delhi rape case's horrific incident, commonly known as the Nirbhaya case. This act made significant changes to the Indian Penal Code rules and specifically recognized such acts as crimes, including sexual violence, punishable by up to three years' imprisonment. According to the Indian Constitution, above all, an act of sexual abuse invades and nullifies women's fundamental right to gender equality under Article 14 and their right to life and to live with dignity according to Article 21."

### **IPC on Sexual Harassment-**

In 2013, I made considerable adjustments to the way sexual assault was treated within the Indian criminal justice system. That Penal Law Amendment Act 2013 released on April 3, 2013, including section 354A of India's Penal Code, 1860, whose description is pornographic. The Indian Penal Code of 1860 has laid down the word sexual assault and

<sup>11</sup> The Hindu (2013, May 24). iGate employee says Phaneesh Murthy 'pressured' her to abort their child. Retrieved November 20, 2016, from <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/igate->

employee- says-phaneesh-murthy-pressured-her-to-abort-their-child/article4742453.ece



associated offences, and imposed punishments for them:

**Section 354A**– “Sexual harassment is: unwelcome physical contact and advances, including unwanted and explicit sexual overtures, a demand or request for sexual favors, showing someone sexual images (pornography) without their consent, and making unwelcome sexual remarks.

**Punishment:** Up to three years in prison, and a fine.

**Section 354B**– Forcing a woman to undress  
**Punishment:** From three to seven years in prison, and a fine.

**Section 354C**– Watching or capturing images of a woman without her consent (**voyeurism**)

**Punishment:** First conviction – one to three years in prison and a fine. More than one conviction–three to seven years in prison and a fine

**Section 354D**- Following a woman and contacting her or trying to contact her despite her saying she does not want contact. Monitoring a woman using the internet or any other form of electronic communication (**stalking**)

**Punishment:** First conviction – up to three years in prison and a fine. More than one conviction–up to five years in prison and a fine

### **Criminal Proceedings-**

Where these activity amounts to a crime under the IPC or indeed any statute, the employer shall, through filing a report to both the competent authority, take disciplinary action within compliance with law. This should ensure that suspects or witnesses

really aren't accused of sexual assault and abused with when handling grievances.

### **Disciplinary Action-**

Where certain behavior amounts to wrongdoing at work as specified either by applicable service rules, the employer may take effective disciplinary action in compliance with all those rules.

### **Complain Mechanism-**

Whether or not those activity forms a crime under the law or a violation of the service rules and effective redress process should really be formed with in employer's organization to address that victim's redress. Such complaint mechanism should ensure time bound treatment of complaints.

### **Internal Complaints Committee-**

The grievance process ought to be suitable and for procurement of a grievance committee, special contractor or even other support services, which include secrecy<sup>12</sup>. A woman should chair the appeals committee or just less than half of its members must be women. Such a review committee may include a third party, be it an NGO or even other entity familiar with the situation of sexual abuse, to eliminate the risk of just about any undue coercion or interference by higher levels. The complaints committee is requested to write an annual report on complaints and the steps the follow to both the appropriate government agency. Employers and administrators may also report to both the government department for conformity to the above rules, except notifications from complaints committee.

<sup>12</sup> Sarpotdar, A. (2014). Sexual harassment of women at workplace in India- Journey from a workplace problem to a human rights issue. Journal of Business

Management and Social Sciences Research, 3(7), 18-27



### **Worker's Initiative-**

Employees will be encouraged to address sexual assault concerns at a worker's conference and in other relevant ways, and it should be addressed clearly and unambiguously in employer-employee meetings.

### **Awareness-**

Awareness each general, that interests of female workers in either respect should then be established through specifically notifying certain Rules (and relevant regulations as enacted) in an acceptable manner.

### **Third Party Harassment-**

Wherever sexual assault is triggered by someone with an act or omission by certain third party and individual, the employer and also the individual in charge shall take all appropriate and fair action which assists every person involved in terms of assistance including preventive measures. The central / state governments are required to decide taking appropriate steps or regulations to ensure that the tasks set out in such a order really are followed among private sector employers. These recommendations would not affect any rights under the Human Rights Act, 1993<sup>13</sup>.

### **ISSUES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

Some women on either the job is vulnerable to sexual assault regardless of age, social status, marital status, educational or economic performance, and other personal characteristics. For situations where men have a primary supervisory role, the problem

is worse, allowing them to manipulate their wives subordinate to everyone's wants and desires. Including a report carried out along with the Centre for Social Science (2009), they thus far have been few if any instances of sexual assault in India, several reasons over which range through job loss, harm to reputation, insecurity, or other types of danger.

"Another big concern is that it has been shown that his superiors will not hesitate to attribute it to sexual favors, even if a woman is promoted on merit. Sometimes this psychological tension causes a woman to withdraw from her job (Dashora, 2013). Therefore the sexual assault of a woman in the workplace is incompatible with her integrity and must be eliminated, and the norms that apply are not adequate at all. These issues need to be addressed at the point of origin, i.e., in the workplace."

### **Sexual Harassment and Filing of Complaints:**

"Sexual violence it's among the least recorded violence against women, mainly because of the fear of being stigmatized and retaliated by the victim, thereby having the climate more aggressive. One research found that many factors, including lack of confidence, sense of guilt, and social alienation, discourage the survivor from filing a complaint against the perpetrator. Akhtar (2013), In a sample of 300 women from diverse age classes, educational and vocational backgrounds, it was observed how none of the women interviewed had taken

<sup>13</sup> Phadnis, S.& John, S. (2014).Sexual harassment at workplace law gets tepid response, The Times of India. Retrieved October 20, 2017, from <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india->

business/Sexual-harassment-at-workplace-law-gets-tepid-response/articleshow/34450315.cms



any action against the perpetrator as a reward for the economic survival. Unnikrishnan et al. (2010), employed in schools, banks, in a survey of 160 women, Hospitals & shops in South India found that more and more women face harassment in one year after joining the workforce, because although they neglect their room to object about harassment or fear of work losses.

In comparison, researchers found that women make complaints except in 52.2 percent of cases, while actions are taken in 15.2 percent of cases, without mentioning any complaints. Which fewer than 5 percent of victims record incidents with unwanted sexual harassment, methods, and actions of either man or woman? A place and jurisdiction equal to or below their. Similarly, in such an Indian Bar Association study of 6,047 people in 2017, 70 percent of women found that it did indeed report superior sexual assault through fear of repercussions. Moreover, several police records undervalue the level of abuse and discrimination against women. The relevant point is that corporate or contractor management discourages people from obtaining a sexual assault report to police. Women are especially reluctant to reveal incidents of distressing sexual abuse to individual family members. That major factors are anxiety in addressing these problems for family members, fear of consequences that contribute to excessive pressure, leaving, work/education, and preventing needless burden on family members.

### **Sexual Harassment and Discrimination**

<sup>14</sup> Narayana, P. S. (2013). Commentary on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: (Prevention,

So according to General Resolution 19 (11th Session, 1992) of the Convention on the Abolition among all Kinds of Violence Against Women (CEDAW), sexual assault is deemed sexist where a woman provides fair and adequate reasons to assume that your rejection or unwillingness will lead to adverse jobs & promotional steps Or developing a hostile working atmosphere. In comparison, as associated with racial inequality, sexual abuse is getting worse. For example, in a study of 238 workers of five organizations headquartered in North America, Berdahl & Moore (2006) found which minority women suffer more significant abuse than majority men, Men in minorities and women in bulk. And in Indian sense, in even a survey of 110 women interviewed from multiple universities in India, Thomas (2015) noted that someone viewed perceived "different way" and in the workplace often is described either by interview participants as either an act of sexual harassment.

### **Sexual Harassment and Organizational Initiatives**

And addition, these were reported that there are many more cases in which workers are not taking sexual harassment measures seriously<sup>14</sup>. For example, Phadnis and John (2014) observed that while many workers become aware of sexual assault policies within the organizations, they often don't mind reading the policy document. Even then, several major companies in India see concerted attempts to raise awareness of the nature of sexual abuse within our workers. For example, Wipro recently developed a web training program entitled "Sexual

Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, New Delhi: Universal Law Publishing





Harassment Avoidance" to support its workers to identify the kinds of activities that lead to harassment. Infosys had conducted numerous projects along such lines, seminars, educational services, and poster campaigns, including advertisements highlighting the importance of ethical conduct amongst these workers. Mindtree, a global Indian corporation, however, has implemented an online course in sexual assault, which is mandatory with all of its employees.

**Sexual harassment defined:**

If any of the actions conducted in situations at which victim of all such conduct will have a rational concern which, in connection with the activities or employment of the victim (whether it be in earning a paycheck, reward or voluntary service, or in government, public or private enterprise), such behavior may be embarrassing and may pose a risk for safety and health, An example to occupational sexual assault. It's indeed unfair, for instance, if the woman has fair reasons to conclude because her protest will place her at a disadvantage concerning her position or career (including recruiting or promotion) or create a hostile work atmosphere. If another survivor doesn't always accept or pose objections to both the actions in question, detrimental effects may occur.

That description has been formulated with guidelines developed mostly by the Supreme Court of Vishaka to prevent sexual harassment. This term was introduced and clarified by subsequent court rulings and certain other elements of the legislation about sexual assault just at the workplace. Also, in the seminal case Vishaka vs. Rajasthan State,

15 its Supreme Court described "sexual harassment" as follows: "Sexual harassment involves other sexually decided unwanted conduct (because once explicitly or implied) as: "sexual harassment includes any one or more of the following acts of behavior (whether directly or by implication) namely:

1. Physical contact and advances; or
2. A demand or request for sexual favors; or
3. Making sexually colored remarks; or
4. Showing pornography; or
5. Any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature." Section 3(2) further states that:

"The following situations can, among other things, result in sexual harassment if something happens but are occur within connexion with while in connexion on any act or actions of sexual harassment: -

1. Implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in her employment; or
2. Implied or explicit promise of detrimental treatment in her employment; or
3. The implied or explicit threat about her present or future employment status; or
4. Interferes with her work or creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment for her; or
5. Humiliating treatment likely to affect her health or safety."

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According to Kennet Cooper, there are six levels of sexual harassment:

- 1) Aesthetic appreciation – 'Oh, you are looking better every day.' Most of those are harmless forms of sexual assault. I still agree



that these cases represent sexual harassment. Then abuse is born in those situations. "It doesn't matter how innocuous certain appreciative comments may have seemed; they become thrown aside that lowers the focus group stature."

2) Active mental groping – The above means 'simple physical abuse; this involves sexual manipulation towards the employee or the looking that would leave workers feeling like bosses' eye-catching."

3) Social touching – It reflects a sensual brush. "A caressing hands softly laid also on the employee," or indeed the managers hand that employee back and forwards.

4) Foreplay harassment – Unlike social contact, it is not "in essence nor place innocent," while its offensiveness is also secret. For example, the type of abuse involves the boss noticing that even an employee's blouse button becomes undone. He's keyed it rather than asking about all this. Another case-hitting her, "as if by mistake".

5) Sexual abuse – A manager will harass his employee sexually while looking at her and undressing her with his own eyes.

6) Ultimate threat - this involves flagrant sexual advances such as a manager's coercive threats for sexual favors.

#### **Sexually determined behavior:**

The definition of sexual harassment includes various types of unwanted "sexually determined behavior", from the 2013 law to "conduct of a sexual nature". In some jurisdictions, the law has shifted from treating him sexual harasses in the workplace as a civilian sex offender to considering him a gender offense. It means that the definition

of the sexual disorder law is extended to include behaviors that harm a person with the workplace by being derogatory or offensive or comparing the general parrot, even if the condition has no sexual connotations. For example, being an author made comments like: "You are a woman, what do you know?", "We need a man as a rental manager" and "Stupid woman", which amounts to sexually determined behavior. Be a supervisor who states that "I will not promote a woman to the rank of tenant" who has a sexually persistent behavior. Therefore, even in the absence of conduct of a sexual nature, a gender crime is committed, and that can be behavior defined as sexually determined after the 2013 Law<sup>15</sup>.

#### **Sexual harassment at workplace and Private Employers:**

The Supreme Court's authority to establish the Court rests on its power to enforce certain constitutionally protected fundamental rights: the right to equality, the right not to discriminate against, the right to exercise any profession or occupation, and the right to live. With dignity. These rights are violated when women experience sexual harassment in the workplace. Unfortunately, the constitutionally protected fundamental rights only regulate the relationship between the state and the individual and are not opposable to private subjects. Therefore, the reference to fundamental rights made in the case applied to public sector employers. This question answered in the affirmative in several subsequent decisions.

The Supreme Court held because the purpose of setting up that Grievance Committee was

<sup>15</sup> McShane, S. L., Von Glinow, M. A., & Sharma, R. R. (2008). Organizational Behavior (4thed.). New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill



that providing teachers among certain University personnel with an appropriate grievance redress forum, but every interpretation with the words 'teachers' and nullifies its purpose in setting up such the discussion would be inappropriate in law.

### **Local Complaints Committee:**

Until recently, under the Indian (Prohibition, Prevention, and Redress) Act 2013, there were limited ways to alleviate sexual harassment in the workplace. There is no legal requirement for employers to provide an internal redress mechanism for dealing with workplace sexual harassment complaints. There is an additional requirement for the Indian government to establish a local district-level complaints committee to address workplace sexual harassment complaints in situations where there is no internal mechanism.

To ensure equal rights for children within informal employment or those working in small businesses, the 2013 Legislation provided for the establishment of district-level municipal advisory committees that investigate allegations of sexual abuse at work. Workplace if another Complaints Committee has still not set up making less than ten employees in the workplace or aiming towards the boss.

These commissions also accept complaints from domestic workers who are sexually assaulted in various places of employment. The establishment of the Local Complaints Committee is a positive aspect of the 2013 Act that protects domestic workers and other unorganized workers from sexual harassment 190. A node officer will appoint in each block / Taluk / Tehsil in rural areas and

districts/municipalities in the urban area to receive complaints.

The best part of setting up the Local Complaints Committee is that it considers the victim's situation if the perpetrator is the employer himself. The 2013 Law provides for the fate of the investigations carried out against the offender who appears to be the employer and prefers that this complaint be judged not by the Internal Complaints Committee but by the Local Complaints Committee. This configuration would surely give the victim the courage to complain about the perpetrator without fear of favoritism.

### **Policies and policies on sexual assault**

To be effective, organizations will take drastic measures to end the sexual harassment demon that involves implementing an organization's sexual harassment policy (expressed commitment to eliminate and prevent sexual harassment, context, sanctions, and anti-retaliation policy), political communication (notify workers of the organization's "zero tolerance" approach to sexual harassment "According to the Sexual Harassment of Women in the Workplace Act 2013 (Prevention, Prohibition and Remedy), each Indian organization must define its sexual harassment policies, prevention systems, procedures, establish Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) and conduct regular outreach and awareness programs (Phadnis and John, 2014)." "However, most companies in India have yet to define their sexual harassment policies (Phadnis and John, 2014), although failure to do so could result in a fine of Rs 50,000 in the first instance and, in repeated cases, to the termination of the activity of an employer. License (Madhok, 2014). In this regard,



Thomas (2015) found that approximately 85% of the Indian sample's educational institutions have no policies to address reports of sexual violence. Additionally, a CPI is mandatory in any private or public organization with ten or more employees by the requirements of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Act, 2013 (Madhok, 2014). "However, according to research reports conducted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Indian Federation (FICCI) in 2015, only 64% of Indian companies and 75% of multinationals operating in India have developed their own ICCs (Chachra, 2017). Another big concern is that even though companies have successfully formulated their sexual violence policies, they are not constantly communicating it to workers to raise awareness of the problem. (Phadnis and John, 2014)."

Any woman seems to have the real opportunity to associate in public jobs, or the sexual assault procedure violates this privilege, asking her to stay away from work. Sexual abuse towards women in the industry exposes her to something like a significant risk of harm. It positions her in such an unequal role against those workers, which can harm her capacity to achieve her constitutionally guaranteed right through Article 19(1)(g). 126 Sexual abuse of women in the industry often constitutes a breach of both the rights to life rights alluded to in Article 21, where no person can strip with his liberty. The obligation to support is indeed an integral part of the fundamental right to life. Breach of both the right to criticize becomes sexual harassment. Any woman has a right to overcome barriers and prejudice based on age for a healthy enjoyment of life under the Article of the Indian Constitution. Although

the 'freedom to work' depends on either the provision of a healthy workplace atmosphere and the freedom to a dignified life, the risks of sexual assault must always be removed for those privileges to get some significance.

The preamble to both the Indian constitution allows that it now guarantees "equal justice and freedoms" to most people. Sexual abuse vitiates those writers of both the body with this underlying reason. The principle of equal rights expressed in our constitution would be a successful exercise if women's privacy rights weren't considered their protection to protecting people, including rights guaranteed through article 21 of the constitution. Constitutional. 128 As sexual abuse of women at work threatens, they sense propriety and the freedom to live without dignity, it's also contrary to the fundamental rights in this country.

#### MANAGERIAL IMPLICATIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND FUTURE RESEARCH

The research has considerable functional consequences. Second, the report shows that their many companies haven't compliant with workplace sexual assault rules, along with the guidelines for sexual harassment policies and the ICC setting up. Exactly the same number company shall take appropriate precautions to comply with laws as a matter of urgency. Second, effective management practices include a clear solution to the issue of sexual assault what requires educational campaigns and workshops on sexual harassment, consultation sessions and sexual harassment tolerance preparation. Third, companies' attempts to raise awareness about Thee you precisely be in vain if their workers didn't even know their severity of the problem. Hence the commitment of workers to both the



elimination practices assault is straight forward. Fourth need to stab, which a comprehensive system and for open filing of victims' complaints but a swift and reasonable solution for such complaints. Fifthly, organization companies attempt specific recruiting, procurement, promotion, transition, demotion, or suspension policies to restrict women's abuse among senior officials for such factors.

Given the report's positive inessential shortcomings have opened the way for directions free Second, that research lacks observational proof of both the results and establish hypothetically. Empirical studies on this subject will further enhance our perception of the sexual assault nature and recommend some strategies for stopping assault theoretically. Second, the analysis isn't supported through cross-functional, cross-sectoral, or international comparisons to achieve a detailed and consistent view of the culture and barbarism of sexual abuse. Therefore, more study on another dimension is required. Third, the study failed to highlight the social implications of sexual abuse in the workplace. Future research should then determine numerous psychological factors that stimulate or fuel blatant sexual harassment episodes even by a stalker.

### **Prevention of Workplace Sexual Harassment:**

“The Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Act extends to “all of India” and stipulates that a woman must not be subjected to sexual harassment.” The statute applies, among other things, with government bodies, business and government organizations, non-governmental organizations, organizations

engaged in business, professional, educational, entertainment, industrial, financial, hospital as well as nursing homes, educational institutions, sports institutions as well as stadiums seemed to prepare students as well as a residence or house.

### **Definitions**

**Aggrieved Women:** In either rule, an aggrieved woman means a woman of just about any age who's already working and isn't in the workplace, and then who appears to be had been exposed towards any sexual abuse. It also requires women who are working at home or home. Include domestic workers, may involve a woman working on doing the housework of money, either cash or in nature in every household. They may be personally nominated and by any organization. It could be lifelong, full-time, or part-time. That doesn't have boss family members.

**Appropriate Government:** Means with respect of such a place of work created, owned, managed either funded entirely or substantially through means through funds given explicitly or implicitly either by Central Government or through the administration of the country's territory, both Central Government and the state governments. Including respect towards any workplace already protected through sub-clause (I) and its jurisdiction, the State Government.

**-Workplace:** The workplace scope in this law is inclusive in nature. Includes:

- [1]. Any department, organization, corporation, establishment, corporation, institution, office, branch or unit established, owned, controlled or funded wholly or substantially



with funds provided by the government or corresponding local authority or a government company or corporation. or a cooperative company

- [2]. Also includes the private sector organization or a private company, corporation, corporation, institution, establishment, partnership, trust, non-governmental organization, unit or service provider engaged in commercial, professional, professional, educational, entertainment activities, industrial, health financial services or activities that include production, supply, sale, distribution or service.
- [3]. Hospitals or nursing homes.
- [4]. Any sports institute, stadium, sports complex or venue for competition or games, residential or not used for training, sports or other related activities.
- [5]. Any place visited by the employee during or during the employment relationship, including the transportation provided by the employer for such travel.
- [6]. In relation to the unorganized sector, a workplace means a company owned by individuals or self-employed persons and engaged in the production or sale of goods or services of any kind and in which the company employs workers, the number of workers is less than ten.

**-Employer:** It is the committee's head regarding just about any state, company, organization, state, organization, institution, office, division, or entity of the relevant government or local authority. Regarding a place of employment not protected through paragraph (I), the person overseeing, regulating, and supervising the workplace should be in this section. The employer is also the one who fulfills the contractual responsibilities against his workers throughout unionized workplaces protected

through sub-clauses (1) and (ii) Regarding a residence or even a building. A individual in either a household whom employs or profits from the domestic worker, irrespective of both the amount, time and type that worker used and the requirements of the industry or operation carried out from the domestic worker.

### Complaints Committee

Complaints committee under the legislation, it requires, while the case may well be, an Administrative Committee or a Central Committee. The legislation called for the development of a Tribunal on internal complaints. Any workplace employer would be expected to create a formal internal complaints committee. Because when corporate divisions or administrative divisions are also in separate areas or divisional or sub-divisional levels, The national committee shall be composed among all executive departments or bureau. The Local Committee shall be appointed where even the Committee on Employee Grievances is still not educational attainment to less than ten employees but where the allegation would be against the same employer.

### CONCLUSION

Sexual harassment is a workplace safety issue and has now become something that attracts significant negative attention. Yet India seems to have been late in formalizing workplace sexual assault as either an offense followed by incarceration and punishment. This same harsh reality with sexual harassment cases at work is there's much more to be concerned about misreporting, unlike individuals who attack the law. With



the introduction of new rules, one will see a fundamental shift in the way employers become held responsible for individual workers' inability to comply only with the statute.

No indirect responsibility for sexual assault throughout the workplace existed before the entry into effect of the whole legislation. Even then, although the Indian administration has made measures to track the application of the 2013 law at government departments, there is also no system and in the private sector to check compliance. That harm incurred by the State's apathy is impersonal and irreversible. Sexual harassment This might not be a matter for women; this is also a concern for managers that poses a broad spectrum of management questions. Therefore, the assumption that it is just a woman's problem and not a systemic issue can contribute to its significant problems. Organizations should also design and incorporate new and successful approaches to protect women from this social evil. In addition to other legislative guidelines, it also calls for government action by public education programs." Therefore, sexual assault against women may be washed out with organizations' support and by government actions. India it's making significant strides through its growth goals while growing numbers of women joining the field of work. Recognizing their right to be free from sexual assault is indeed an integral part of upholding women's human rights. All this represents a step toward this equality of women, equal opportunities, or the freedom to organize with dignity. It's indeed necessary to increase employers' and employees' consciousness of both the prevalence of sexual assault manifestations throughout the workplace, prevention steps,

and the legislative structure to deter to redress these sexual harassments.

Activities of outreach or awareness can indeed undertake then regularly reviewed to develop best practices about coping with sexual abuse at work and advise and educate about types of sexual assault because then future victims can prevent it. Improving sexual harassment training courses and providing workplace sexual harassment prevention documentation or manual can help combat it.

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