

Annexure-I

Questionnaire for Police

Topic of Research: Legal protection of children against sexual abuse- A critical study with special reference to Dibrugarh, Tinsukia & Dhemaji Districts of Assam.

Respected Officer, the objective of this survey is to collect necessary information about legal protection available to a child victim of sexual abuse. In this regard, I request you to kindly fill up this questionnaire in order to enable me to too complete my Ph.D thesis. The information provided by you shall be used for research purpose only and will be kept strictly confidential.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely

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- a) Name(optional) :
b) Rank :
c) Police Station :
d) District :

- ❖ Are you specially trained to handle cases related to child sexual abuse under POCSO Act and other allied laws?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ Whether you are trained to investigate cyber crime such as child pornography in digital mode?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ Do you inform the informant of offence about your name, designation, address and phone number?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ Do you produce the child victim in need of care and protection before the CWC within 24 hours of report?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ As per your knowledge can a child victim of sexual abuse who is in need of urgent medical care can be taken to the nearest private hospital if the Govt. Hospital is far away?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ While interacting with the victim or recording the statement of Sexual abuse, what type of dress do you usually wear?
uniform ☐ civil dress ☐ Any other please mention _____
- ❖ You record the statement of the child in.....

Police station ☐

place suitable to you ☐

place at the option of the child ☐

- ❖ Do you inform the child and the family members regarding the right to free legal aid and provide the contact number of DLSA?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ Whether you allow the parents or any person of child choice to be present during the entire process of recording statement?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ Whether the facility of audio- visual electronic means for recording of statement is used while recording the statement of the child victim?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ Are you provided with the list of translator/interpreter/special educator/support for necessary assistance of the police in special cases?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ Whether information regarding interim compensation is given to the child or his parents/guardian?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ Are you aware about the Model Guidelines, 2013 under section 39 of the POCSO Act, 2012 prepared by Ministry of Women and Child Development?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Any other please mention _____

- ❖ What is/are the major challenges/hurdle faced by you while implementing POCSO Act or while dealing with a CSA case?

Signature of the Interviewee

Annexure-II

Interview schedule for Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights(ASPCR)

- a) Name of the interviewee(Optional) :
- b) Designation of the interviewee :
- c) Duty District of the interviewee :
- ❖ What step/steps have been taken to spread awareness about the POCSO Act?
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- ❖ Whether any guidelines have been formulated which can be used by the stakeholders like the NGO, teachers, support persons, professionals for better implementation of the POCSO Act and protection of children from CSA?
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- ❖ Whether reports on various aspects of CSA are prepared on regular basis?
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- ❖ What are the challenges faced by you as a POCSO implementation member of SCPCR?
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- ❖ What are the general problem in implementation of the POCSO Act specially in the grass root level?
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Signature of the Interviewee

Annexure-III

Interview schedule for Child Welfare Committee(CWC)

- a) Name of the interviewee(Optional) :
b) Designation of the interviewee :
c) Duty District of the interviewee :

- ❖ Did you get any training after appointment as CWC member? If yes, whether it was fruitful and helpful in discharging your duty?

- ❖ Whether the information regarding the recovery of child and production of child in need of care and protection is done immediately as per provisions of law?

- ❖ Whether the CWC possess the list of support persons as per provision?

- ❖ Whether the DCPU provide sufficient support to the CWC?

- ❖ What are the major problem that you identify while discharging your duty?

Signature of the Interviewee

Annexure-IV

Interview schedule for District Child Protection Unit(DCPU)

- a) Name of the interviewee(Optional) :
- b) Designation of the interviewee :
- c) Duty District of the interviewee :
- ❖ Are you specially trained in dealing/handling cases related to child sexual abuse?
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- ❖ How often do you organise training for the stakeholders related to CSA such as Police, NGO, Counsellor, Teachers, Block level Committee etc.
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- ❖ If training is organised how does the stakeholders respond to such training?
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- ❖ Whether there is sufficient number of Child Care Institutions(CCI) and open shelters which meet the requirements of JJ Act, Rules and guidelines within the district?
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- ❖ Is there any NGO working actively and specifically in the cases of CSA within the district?
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- ❖ Any other problem faced by you in implementation of the POCSO Act or dealing with the cases of CSA?
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Signature of interviewee

Annexure-V

Interview schedule for District Legal Services Authority(DLSA)

a) Name of the interviewee(optional):

b) Designation of the interviewee :

c) Duty District of the interviewee :

- Whether penal advocate provided to each child victim of sexual abuse?

- Whether the advocate engaged from the penal to the victim are trained in handling such cases?

- What problem do you face while determining compensation or giving compensation to CSA victims?

Signature of the Interviewee

Annexure-VI

Interview schedule for Special Public Prosecutor(SPP)

a) Name of the interviewee(optional):

b) Designation of the interviewee :

c) Duty District of the interviewee :

❖ Do you exclusively deal with POCSO Act cases?

❖ Did you get any training after appointment as SPP under POCSO Act?

❖ Whether there is any Special Court under POCSO Act?

❖ Does the Investigating officer of a case under POCSO Act conduct the investigation up to your satisfaction?

❖ Whether the Special Court takes direct cognizance of the cases?

❖ Have any initiative been taken to make the design of the court room child friendly?

❖ Is there any child waiting room within the court premises so that the child could wait until the court calls him/her?

❖ Whether parents or any other person whom the child trusts allowed to be present with the child during his examination?

❖ Are all questions put to the child routed through the judge of the court?

❖ Are frequent break usually given to a child during his/her examination?

❖ Is there any provision for audio-visual means to take child victim statement without bringing him to court?

❖ Whether trial of all cases under POCSO Act get completed within one year?

❖ What is the average conviction rate in percentage?

❖ What are the reasons for acquittal of many cases?

❖ Any other challenges in implementation of the POCSO Act?

Signature of the Interviewee