

11/12 Do you think PoCSO act 2012, should stay in tune with dynamics of society? Comment.

The National Crime Records Bureau data says that 36% of the crimes against children were under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act). The POCSO act must stay in line with the changing dynamics of the society.

Conflicting scenes before the act

① Question of aggravated assault is the Sonu Kushwaha case, the Allahabad high court said that penetration assault on 10 year old boy doesn't amount to aggravated assault and reduced the punishment from 10 years to 7 years.

② Skus to skus contact was cited for acquittal in the Satish Ragle vs State of Maharashtra case. Later in the Jagan Singh case the skus to skus contact was negated.

③ Age consent - the adolescent partners of
minor girl is victimised under POCSO.
as the consensual in reverse age stands
at 18. The Vijayalaxmi Vs State Rep case
the court held that punishing the adolescent
boy was not the aim of the POCSO act.
Compatible with the dynamics of society

① The grows enrolment rate of the
women is increasing, and constitution of
fast track courts can reduce the litigation
and support women education.

② Operation meh chakra by CBI to ~~stop~~
stop child sex abuse materials can greatly
reduce POCSO arrests.

③ The only relief is by high court to
quash the case under section 438 of Criminal
Procedure code which can be democratized.

suitable amendments to the POCSO act
by taking recommendations of Verma committee to
reduce age consent to 16 years can give breathing
space.