

ABSTRACT

JUSTICE VERMA COMMITTEE AND CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ACT,2013

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This paper deals with the detailed analysis of recommendations made by Justice Verma Committee in the wake of incident that occurred on 16th December,2012, famously known as a 'Nirbhaya Case'. Justice Verma committee report made many recommendations specifically related to offences against the women, it has recommended to increase the punishments and for introduction of specific provisions for certain offences like Acid Attack, Sexual assault, voyeurism etc. It also mentioned the need for widening the scope and definition of offences like rape and the consent for it. Based on the recommendations made in the report a law was passed in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha called Criminal Law Amendment Act,2013, which keeping in the view of all the recommendations made by the committee has brought in new Amendment in certain Acts relating to criminal law. However, not all the recommendations that were suggested were introduced into the Act like few of those relating to marital rape were not taken into consideration. Mere introduction or implementation of these increased jail sentences and capital punishment may not ensure the safety and security of the women but it might for an extent induce a sense of fear among the culprits.