

MISUSE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT BY WOMEN IN MODERN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

Trend of misusing women empowerment by women is increasing these days. Women have been victims of social in discrepancies since a long time. Empowerment of women is necessary to make them free from such evils. Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code was passed to protect women against marital cruelty and dowry harassment. On the other hand, some empowered women are misusing their rights against husband, in laws, and others. Mostly, women from lower social, income groups don't file such complaints. It's usually the financially well-off women who register complaints under Section 498A. Present study is focused on finding of such incidents, reasons and solution.

INTRODUCTION

Trend of women using the laws meant for their protection against men is becoming common. Innocent families are being victimized. Unfortunately, section 498A of the Indian Penal Code is increasingly being misused by women against their in-laws and husband. Inculpable families have been imprisoned only on the basis of the allegations.

Many women are using the laws to satiate their greed for money. They use the law to extract money from the husband and in-laws. In fact, the law is being used by women against women. Old mothers and innocent sisters have been sent to jail on the basis of mere allegations. Families are going through a very difficult time. Need of law for protection of men is raised. Marital problems can't be solved by dragging families to court and sending them to jail. There is a social stigma attached to men coming up and speaking about discrimination or abuse but they should at least get an opportunity for redress.

OBJECTIVE

- Finding of cases regarding misuse of law by women
- Finding of reasons of cases regarding misuse of law by women
- Finding of solution of cases regarding misuse of law by women

METHODOLOGY

Survey method was applied for present study. Data was collected from newspapers, magazines, proceedings and family courts. Applicant and respondent were interviewed using self-prepared questionnaire.

FINDING AND ANALYSIS

Women who are symbol of kindness, affection, love and devotion have turned into a cruel person in some cases. There are some reasons:

1. Some women don't want to live with in-laws. They want to leave and the husband cannot let go of his parents. They create problems for whole family.
2. Either husband or wife could be having an affair. If he is having an affair, she is hurt and angry and the only way she can get back at him is by filing a case. If she is having an affair, it's easy to file a case against husband so she gets some money in her name rather than a divorce; he could prove she has been cheating on him and she may end up with nothing.
3. Most often, Indian women have been forcefully married. There are several cases where the women want to break marriage but the only way to get out of this marriage without her parents and family forcing her to stay on is to file a case against the family and use article 498A to be free.
4. Most housewives have an identity crisis and if a man has said something to slight her, she will get offended. Misunderstandings arise and everything becomes an issue. To ask for a divorce might not be acceptable if the man has not technically done anything and the only way she can misuse 498A section.
5. Some unsatisfied women take such step for money. They file domestic violence cases against the husband and the family.

SUGGESTIONS

1. The law should consider how to rehabilitate the woman in her choice of work and help her to make self-depend regarding social and economical issues.
2. The law must take into account the man's point of view and hold him innocent until proven guilty.
3. Both parties should be listened legally equally without any prejudice.
4. Women who have filed cases must have solo counseling to gauge if it's a genuine case or if it has been influenced by a third party.
5. Children should be able to meet both parents whenever they choose with a neutral guide around to supervise.
6. Socially women should get freedom to marriage according to her choice.

7. Parents of girls should make them economically independent.
8. The change in nature of women is due to lack of morality. Our society needs to emphasize on morality since childhood.
9. Empowered women need to think to work for victim women, for children and for whole society. Strong doesn't mean putting someone else down. Any family or marital problem can be solved by fair discussion.
10. Law should be equal for men and women. Men should have right to present their side. They should not be treated as criminal till they're proven guilty.

CONCLUSION

It has a long time for fighting for women's rights, equality and independence of women. Till today in backward areas, women are facing many problems. There are genuine instances of dowry, rape, harassment, abandonment and other problems that a woman has gone through in a marriage and family. They need to be strong and use these laws to protect themselves.

In every case of misuse of power, there is a human story, of someone being hurt and threatened, with an extortion that leaves them bitter, sick and damaged. Fair discussion can solve biggest family issue. Men and women both need to be humanists. Whether a woman has been hurt or a man, society and law should be sensitive to both. Instead of playing the power card, morality, forgiveness and happiness of family members should be motto. In family life ego should not take place, forgiveness can help to save a marriage.

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