Bill No. 20 of 2011

THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2011

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further to amend the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Short title, and commencement.

45 of 1860. 5 2. After section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter to be referred to as the Insertion of Code), the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

new section 302A.

"302A. Whoever causes death of a person after committing rape on such person Punishment shall be punished with death.".

for causing death of rape victim.

3. After section 364A of the Code, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 364B.

"364B. Whoever kidnaps or abducts any person and causes death of such person due to any reason shall be punished with death.".

Punishment for kidnapping and causing death.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In many parts of the country, cases of sexual assault and other offences against women are on the rise. A member of Indian Railways Women Kabaddi Team was shot dead by a CRPF trooper. A dalit girl was maimed in Uttar Pradesh for resisting rape. Another girl in the same State was raped by none other than a legislator. Recently, a woman in Kerala was thrown out of the moving train. She did not survive the attack. In Kolkata, a teenage girl was pushed off the roof after she was raped.

In the first-half of February 2011, as many as twenty-seven cases of rape and attempts to rape have been reported. In twelve of these cases, the victims were killed.

Similarly, there has been an alarming increase recently in cases of men, women and especially, children being kidnapped and subsequently being killed.

Therefore, it is high time that a stringent law, which may act as a deterrent for such perverted acts of violence is brought forward by amending the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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