

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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further to amend the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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