

A REVIEW OF 498A IN CONTEXT OF MISUSE

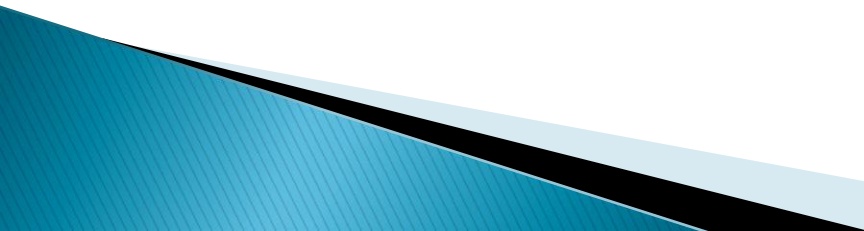
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Introduction

- ▶ **498A is an Indian law intended to stop cruelty to women. It also strengthens the laws against dowry or payment made by the bride's family to the husbands family. It makes it a crime to make her family pay a dowry. The law allows for imprisonment of up to three years & for a fine.**



Objectives

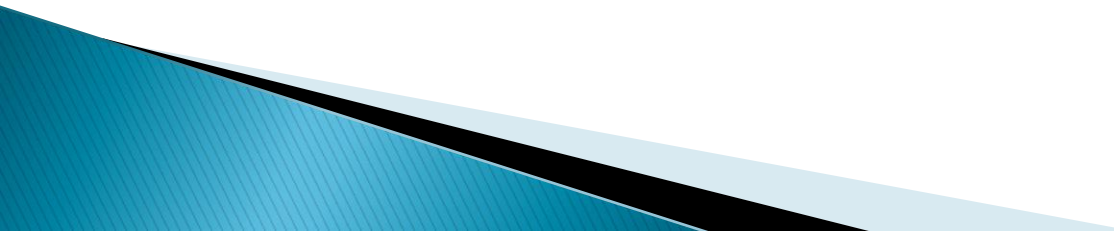
- ▶ **To prevent the cruelty against married women.**
 - ▶ **To create deterrent effect against husband and in law. So that they should not dare to commit crime.**
 - ▶ **To provide security to the married women.**
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METHODOLOGY

Secondary data is used for this study.



Analysis & Interpretation

- ▶ The Abuse of the 498A is rapidly increasing because of educated women
 - ▶ Every 5 minute an innocent man is arrested.
 - ▶ Every 20 minute an innocent women is arrested.
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Recent Judgements of Misuse of 498A

Indian courts & Legislature have to make changes if laws of matrimonial cruelty are to be of any deterrence. Increase in the misuse of this section, there should be certain Ammendments which should be brought up this law.

- **Role of Women NGOs**
- **Family Counseling Centers**
- **Time Bound Investigation & Trial**

- **Definition of Mental Cruelty**
 - **Investigation By Civil Authorities**
 - **Bailable**
 - **Compoundable**
 - **Arrest Warrants**
 - **Penalty For Making False Accusation**
 - **Courts Proceedings**
 - **Registration of Marriage & Gifts Exchanged**
 - **Punish Dowry Grievers**
 - **Penalize Corrupt Investigation Officers**
 - **NRI Issues**
 - **Gender Neutral**
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False dowry Harassment cases

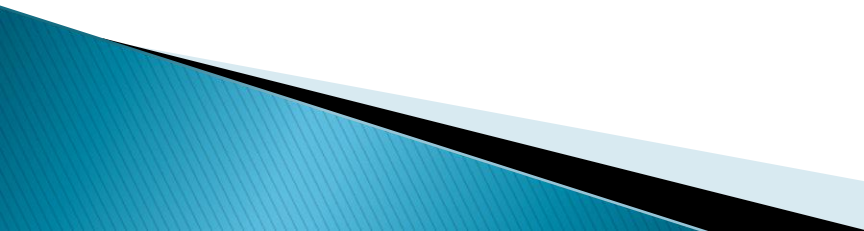
States	2011	2012	2013
Rajasthan	5,494	6,241	6,615
Andhra Pradesh	1,745	1049	1157
Haryana	685	834	982
Assam	655	376	83
Bihar	141	570	695
All India	10,193	10,235	10,864

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- ▶ “I am suffering from my wife & her parents have put false allegations on me & my family can suggest any NGO other than lawyer who can help & support me?”

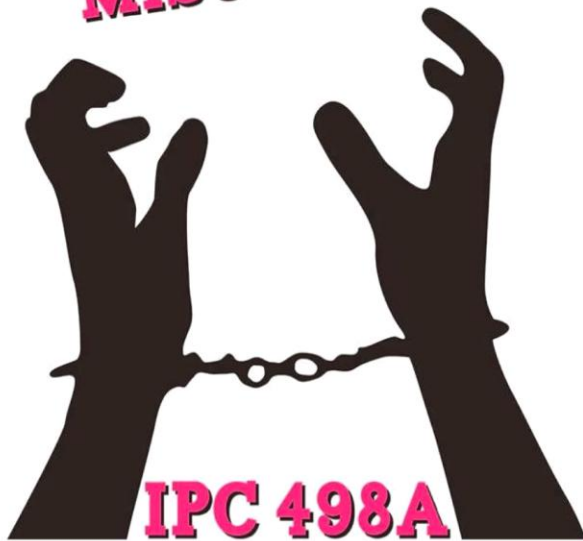
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- ▶ **I appreciate the Supreme court to protect Innocent husbands from some cruel wife.**
 - ▶ **Happy to see that somebody is taking care of the harassed husbands.**
 - ▶ **Too much favour for women is also dangerous for men. Everything should be within limits.**
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Suggestions

- ▶ **Husbands should take support from police, NGO and court.**
- ▶ **Suicide is not a solution of your problem. So don't take decision of suicide.**
- ▶ **To take proper knowledge about legal procedure of your rights.**
- ▶ **Better to put in writing that no dowry was exchanged in this marriage in a stamp paper and get it signed by the girl & her parents.**

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Conclusion

- Husband suffers from physical, psychological, economical and social problems due to the wife misuse of 498A.



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