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Rape & sex abuse - in England, developed Western countries and other nations

Recently, a rape case in India was publicized by the media world over. The unfortunate but brave victim later on lost her life also. I was compelled to think why this happens in India? But when I made some research, I encountered with mind boggling data. The so called developed countries including the UK, USA and Australia are much ahead of India and other poor countries in such sex abuse incidents.

According to the UN Rape Statistics Report 2010, the readers will be surprised to read the following:

Rape cases in the US: 84767; In the UK – 15934 (North Ireland & Scotland not included); Australia – 17762; South Africa – 277,712 and India – 22172.



The US Department of Health and Human Services reported 83,600 substantiated reports of sexually abused children in 2008 in America. In the year 2005, 191,670 cases of rape and sexual assault were reported in America, as per the reports by the document of Department of State and Justice of America.

According to a news report on BBC One, which was presented on 12 November 2007, 85,000 women were raped in the UK in 2006 alone. And the most sad part of it is that only

800 people were convicted. According to the reports, as many as 250,000 teenage girls are suffering from abuse at any one time in this country.

According to The Independent news paper of the UK of 12 March 2012, majority of sex victims do not report the matter to the police. One in 10 women has been raped, and 1600 respondents said they did not report the matter to the police. 29% said that they did not report the incident even to a family member or friends while 53% admitted that they did not report the matter due to shame or embarrassment. Accordingly, it is also true about India. Like in the UK, rape victims in India also do not report the matter to the police. The same situation prevails world over.

The Telegraph of 8th Sept 2011 reported that Criminals have committed record numbers of rape attacks and more violent assaults in Scotland over the past year, according to official figures. Total rapes committed were 997 while the population of Scotland is just over fifty lakhs. However, it is surprising to know that thousands of violent rapists and killers of Scotland are freed from prison as per a report published in The Telegraph of 7th Sept 2012.

In England, the sex abusers are not only men, it might be a news to the readers that there are over 64000 female child sex offenders in this country. This fact was reported in The Guardian of 4th Oct. 2009.

In a shocking revelation, the NSPCC statistics report on research of child abuse in the UK, of June 2012, one in six children between 11 – 17 years has been sexually abused in 2011.

The report further said 32% of all sexual crimes (54,982 sexual crimes in total) recorded in England and Wales in 2010/11 were sexual crimes against children under 16. An estimated 55,000 children who have experienced sexual abuse receive no therapeutic support each year because of a shortfall in the availability of therapeutic services.

There is only one therapeutic support programme for every 25,000 children living in the UK and many areas provide no therapeutic provision for sexually abused children at all.

The children are very unsafe in the UK schools also. According to IBB Solicitors website, Child abuse in the schools between 2008 to 2011:

A total of 9,048 allegations of physical and sexual child abuse have been made against the school teachers and staff; this resulted into 1,355 staff being suspended and 866 dismissals.

Mail online news reported on 2 October 2012, that in the class room during school hours, three students committed horrific sexual abuse to one of their classmates. They did so because they have watched a sex film.

Recently a 63 year old ex-teacher, now working as a Church minister, has been arrested who not only sexually abused his students in the St. Ambrose College in Hale Barns, but in the homes of other teachers also where the students were called for extra tuitions. This was reported in the Manchester Evening News of 5th Dec. 2012.

BBC news on 21 Nov 2012 reported on its website that 'thousands of children are sexually abused by gangs and groups in England each year, according to a report. The Office of Children's Commissioner study says there were 2,409 victims in the 14 months to October 2011 - but the true number is likely to be far higher. The report also identifies 16,500 children who were at "high risk of sexual exploitation" in 2010-11.

On 26 Jan 2012, the BBC website reported that the 51 year teacher not only sexually abused the young girls as young as six year olds, but also filmed the acts. Police also found more than 30,000 indecent photographs on memory sticks.

The UK, appears to be one of the most sexually sick nations among the developed and the developing world. People in high position and celebrities in this country have had been committing sex offences e.g. from the celebrities like John Saville and Jim Davidson to the unnamed Tory MP, Church ministers to school teachers, from police officers to doctors, it seems every segment of our society lives in this disgusting state of sex-sickness.

About two lakhs of sex abuse cases occur in America and South Africa annually, in developed countries like England and Australia with low populations also have 15 to 20 thousand sex abuse and rape cases per annum while thousands of such cases take place in European countries every year, why? This figures are still very low and not based on the actual crimes. As I have explained above, even in a country like England, between 55 – 60 rape victims do not report their ordeals for fear of insult and social stigma, and it is the same story world over.

It will not be out of place to mention that if a teacher in India commits such a crime with any student, the public thrash him so badly that makes him half-dead before the police arrives. But in the Western countries, in the name of privacy, their identities are kept secret, people are kept in the dark, any many such offenders again get the teaching jobs. Punishments are also not stringent.

Whenever a crime takes place in the third world countries, it is highlighted by the rich media of the western countries, but the situation in the Western countries including the UK is quite alarming. The population of the UK is 22 times less than that of the India or five times less than that of the USA, but the sex crime ratio is much higher in terms of ratio and proportion. The society and the government together have to devise some programs to save our society from this menace. Rape and sex abuse are not only very heinous crimes but a blot on the face of the civilized world and must be condemned by all univocally. We all cry hoarse that India is full of illiterate and corrupt people and hence such crimes take place there, but why such crimes are committed in countries like the UK and America if the people are educated, rich and uncorrupted? Today, we are the citizens of this country and have our duties and responsibilities towards it. By counting the crimes of other nations, we can not let go our own crimes. Rape and sex abuse has become a big issue in this country and let us all think about it in honest terms.

(Ref. & Sources: BBC, The Telegraph, The Guardian, The Independent, The Mail, US Dept of Health & Human Services, UN Rape Statistics Report 2010, US Department of State and Justice NSPCC, UK, IBB Solicitors & Wikipedia websites)