

SEXTORTION – A TRAP OF MONEY

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INTRODUCTION

These days, the internet is a vital part of our daily lives. Our lives are made easier by the Internet. The internet is used for both good and harmful purposes, and some people make money online by working online. However, some people use the internet to commit fraud in an effort to make money; they do some illegal work like they show some nudes and then they record the expression of the viewers after that they ask for money to delete the recorded video and in the alternative, they threaten people into uploading the video or sharing it with their family members; they prey on both men and women. And as soon as you give them money, they constantly ask for more. Numerous people contributed funds to deal with the situation, however only a very small percentage of people reported the case to the police station.

WHAT IS SEXTORTION?

Sextortion refers to both the wide category of sexual exploitation in which the use of coercion through the abuse of power and the category of sexual exploitation in which the use of coercion through the threat of disclosing sexual photographs or information. Many people are afraid that what will happen when he leaked that video or photo? What do people think about me? How do I face my society? That's why people do everything. What are their demands for deleting or for settling the matter? Very few people went to the police station or complained about cyber security.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS & HOW THEY GET TRAPPED IN SEXTORTION?

Victims of extortions are anyone male or female of any age group people, any person who are using the internet are becoming victims of this scheme – people using the internet for many

purposes in their daily life, like for education, job purpose, entertaining and many more, our data is coming in many hands like when we open any unknown link website they have access in our phone, or they got our all personal details, even they have skills to hack your phone. After that victims get a video call in which the person shows you some nudity. After that they record your video and your reaction and then they blackmail people for money to delete that video. It is a step wise process to trap people and victims who gave money or do what they want to protect their respect in the society.

HOW TO COME OUT OF A SEXTORTION TRAP?

India is a country where people die for their respect, respect of a person is more valuable than anything so people do anything for their respect. When any person is trapped in sextortion then he will readily do anything to come out of it, because he is afraid for their respect in their society, in case when you are trapped in Sextortion following some steps to come out of it.

1. Register your complaint to the cyber security
2. Block that number and don't respond on that number.
3. Don't open an unknown site.
4. Change your password twice in month.
5. Follow government cyber security guidelines.

LAW RELATED TO SEXTORTION

There is presently no law in India that particularly addresses the crime of sextortion. Extortion, on the other hand, is defined as "Anyone willfully places any person in Extortion is the unlawful act of compelling a person to transfer to another person any property, a valuable security, or anything signed or sealed that could be transformed into a valuable security out of dishonest fear of harm to that person or to any other person. Sextortion crimes can affect people of either gender in society. Moreover, the National Crime Records Bureau reports that in 2016, there were 686 and 569 occurrences of cybercrime involving sexual exploitation and insulting a woman's modesty, respectively. Even though 829 individuals' Sextortion complaints have dramatically increased at the National Commission for Women (NCW), more than doubling during the most recent COVID lockdown compared to the levels registered in February and March.

The following laws govern sexual abuse in India:

1. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, this law was enacted to provide recourse to women suffering from domestic abuse;
2. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, this act provides protection to woman against sexual harassment at workplace.
3. Section 354 (A to D) of the Indian Penal Code 1860, lays down punishments for different types of sexual offenses.
4. Section 376(2) talks about rape due to abuse of authority in specific situations
5. Section 108(1)(i)(a) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 has been amended to give the victim the power to contact the magistrate and file a complaint directly to the magistrate about the circulation of obscene material.
6. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, is aimed to tackle issues of sexual exploitation of children.
7. Information Technology Act, 2000 also covers certain sexual offenses dealing with

cybercrime.

CONCLUSION

In our society, sextortion is growing like a disease in various ways while taking advantage of the weaknesses of defenseless people. Sadly, there is no definition of it in any law or statute in India, which makes it difficult to punish offenders fairly. Another important element in eliminating sextortion is educating the public about the crime.

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