

The POCSO Act,2012

Section 19 - (/) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code

of Criminal Procedure, 1973 offences any person (including the child), who has apprehension that an offence under this Act is likely to be committed or has knowledge that such an offence has been committed, he shall provide such information to, (a) the Special Juvenile Police Unit, or (A) the local police (2) Every report given under sub-section (/) shall be- tu) ascribed an entry number and recorded in writing: (+) be read over to the informant: {c) shall be entered in a book to be kept by the Police Unit (4) Where the report under sub-section (7) is given by recorded under sub-section (2) in a simple language so that a child, the same shall be the child understands contents being recorded. (4) In case contents are being recorded in the language wherever it is deemed necessary, a translator or an interpreter, not understood by the child or experience and on payment having such qualifications, of such fees as may be prescribed, shall be provided to the if he fails to understand the same. child (3) Where the Special Juvenile Police Unit or Local Police is satisfied that the child against whom an offence has been committed is in need of care and after recording the reasons in Writing, make immediate arrangement Protection, then, it shall, protection (including admitting the child into shelter home or in give him such care and to the nearest hospital) within twenty-four hours of the report, as may be prescribed, (6) The Special Juvenile Police Unit or local police but within a period of twenty-four hours, report the matter shall, without unnecessary delay to the Child Welfare Committee and the Special Court or where no Special Court has been designated, to the Court of Session, including need of the child for care and Protection and steps taken in this regard (7) No person shall incur any liability, whether civil or criminal, for giving the information in good faith for the purpose of sub-section (2) (20) Any personnel of the media or hotel or lodge or media studio Photographic facilities, by whatever name called, irrespective of hospital or club or studio or and employed therein, shall, on coming across any Material or of the number of Persons object which is sexually exploitative Photographic of the child (including pornographic, sexually-related or facilities to making obscene representation of a child or children) through the use of any medium, shall report cases, Special Juvenile Police Unit, or to the local Police, as the case Provide such information to the may be Punishment