

The POCSO Act, 2012

Section 21 - (/) Any person, who fails to Report the commission

for failure to section (/) of section 19 or section 20 or who
of an offence under sub-
fails to record such offence under sub-section
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(2) of section 19 shall be punished with imprisonment
record a case of either description which may extend
to six months or with fine or with both

(2) Any person, being in-charge of any company
or an institution (by whatever name
called) who fails to report the commission of an
offence under sub-section (1) of section 19
in respect of a subordinate under his control, shall
be punished with imprisonment for a term
which may extend to one year and with fine.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (J) shall not apply
to a child under this Act.

Punishment 22.17) Any person, who makes false complaint
for false or provides false information against
any person, in respect of an offence committed
complaint under sections 3, 5, 7 and section 9, solely
with the intention to humiliate, extort or
of false threaten or defame him, shall be punished
information

imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine with
or with both

(2) Where a false complaint has been made or false information
a child, no punishment has been provided by
shall be imposed on such child

(7) Whoever, not being a child, makes a false Complaint or provides false information
Against a child, knowing it to be fake thereby
victimising such child in any of the offences.
under this Act, shall be punished with Imprisonment
which may extend to one year or with

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23.(/) No person shall make any
report or present comments on any child
form of media or studio or photographic form, or
facilities without having complete and
information, which may have the effect authentic media
of lowering his reputation or infringing
Privacy. upon his

(2) No reports in any media shall disclose,

the identity
of a child including his name,
address, photograph, family details, school,
neighbourhood or any other particulars which
may lead to disclosure of identity of the child:
Provided that for reasons to be recorded
in writing, the Special Court, competent to
the case under the Act, may permit such disclosure
if, in its opinion such disclosure is in the
interest of the child.

(3) The publisher or owner of the media
or studio or Photographic facilities shall
jointly and severally liable for the acts and omissions
of his employee.

(4) Any person who contravenes the
provisions of sub-section (C) of sub-section (2)
shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either
description for a period which shall
not be less than six months but which may extend
to one year or with fine or with both