



## I am goat and I am not seductress

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### Abstract

*My travails are encased in the following stanza: Look at me with all thy innocence, And I shall embrace you with colourful incense; If you seduce me for no fault of mine, There shall be devastation, thunder and lightning.*

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### From the perspective of goat

Eight grown-up men raped me by barricading all escape routes<sup>1</sup>. My cries, agonised shrieks all got drowned in their vicious, lust-filled manoeuvres. Human beings say it was gang rape. My heart bled and so did my inner parts. My physical pain dwarfed in front of assassination of my trust that I reposed in human beings. How can they do this to me!

Animals are considered to be inarticulate. How unilateral decision regarding our being voiceless can be taken by homo sapiens! In-articulation does not mean sensory and emotional numbness.

At the time of onslaught I was pregnant. Earlier I used to caress my baby by constricting my stomach. I could see that my child loved it. It used to move and gently tickle me inside. The horrific action finished it all. I was shrieking and so was my child.

After the fourth man dismounted I could feel quaint feeling of quietness within. My child lay inside inertly. I could feel its weight and nothing more. Its silence numbed me. What happened afterwards I had no re-collection. Newspaper said that there were eight men, all robust, muscular and vicious and completely inebriated. I was dying

slowly. Very slowly and painfully my life ebbed away. In the last few moments I opened my eyes wide. I wanted to shut out my vision but at the same time I wished to die with my eyes open. Perhaps the onlookers who would flock to see my dead body could philosophize over my death and speak eloquently about the ordeal I went through for no fault of mine.

I am a simple goat and not seductress.

I have a death-wish and a message for homo sapiens. Those human beings who consider themselves humane hearken to my call. They created POCSO Act to protect children of their species from sexual assault. Children of human beings are like me; no legibly coherent articulation, no resistance except cry and cry. If human beings consider themselves to be sane and saints they should amend the POCSO Act<sup>2</sup> thus:

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), read with clauses (a) to (d) of sub-section (2), of section 45 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (32 of 2012), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely -1. Short title and commencement – (1) These rules may be called the Protection of Children [*and Animals*] from Sexual Offences Rules, 2012. (2) These rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. 2. Definitions – (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) "Act" means the Protection of Children [*and Animals*] from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (32 of 2012). {*Authors note in bold and italics*}

Let goats and for that matter other animals also live. Sexual assault upon goats should not be considered unnatural. What is unnatural in that? When humans indulge in sexual coitus with a woman it is through vaginal introitus. A woman has many orifices. Unnatural sex in that case is understandable; it can be sodomy or buccal coitus. In my case those who assaulted me committed sexual offence through the same route which a male of my species would have taken. Then why Sec 377 IPC which carry lesser sentencing! They should be prosecuted u/s 376 IPC.

Kudos to Uttarkhand High Court (India) in which a division bench has passed orders on July 4, 2018 and August 13, 2018 concerning animal safety and prevention of cruelty<sup>3</sup>. A division bench declared the entire animal kingdom, including the mammals, avians, and aquatic animals to broadly having legal entities. It allowed the state to assume the role of "parens patriae". I am sure that this is a landmark judgement and '2-footed' creature shall have no supremacy over '4-footed' one in certain matters of rights and protection.

I think I had revelation but too late. Human being is for human beings alone. Animal rights take a back seat when the issue confronts human versus animal. If I had my way I would pay back my assaulters in the same coin. But that is not feasible or ultimately desirable.

### Conclusion

Finally, it is my plea that POCSO Act needs amendment and real time implementation. Only then I would rest in peace. This world is inhabited by millions of species who carry a single orifice used to defecate and procreate. Diversity both in action and intention is the characteristic of homo sapiens with only a difference of palm. That six inches space is sufficient to sail the canoe of either bona-fide or mala-fide intention and which thankfully is denied to us animals by nature itself.

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