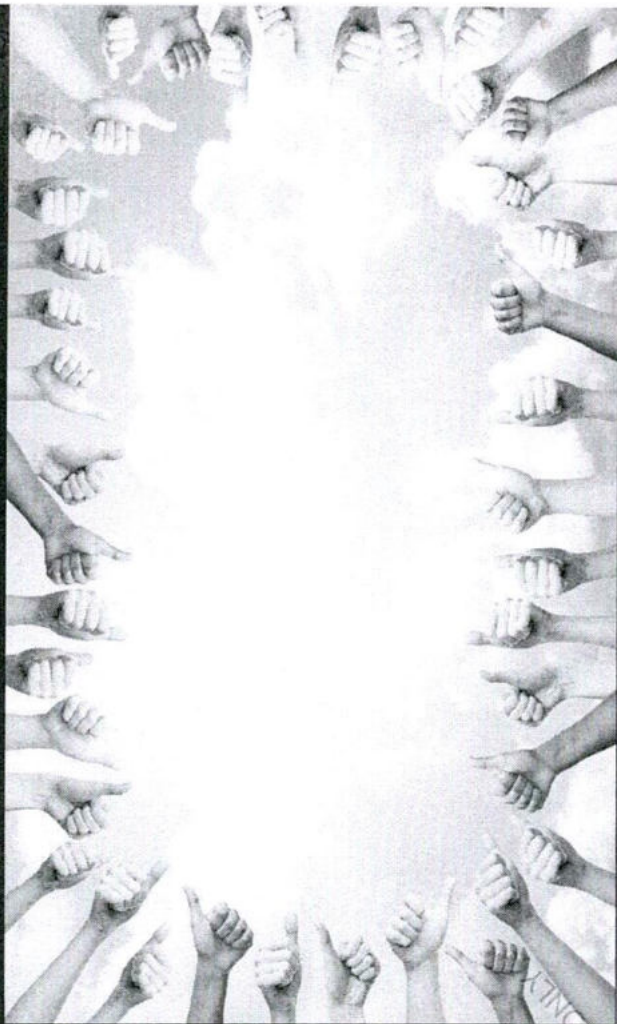


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Abstract

Indian society is more or less patriarchal and the social order perceptibly follows a pattern in which women are either ruled, dominated or subjugated with the benefits and advantages increasingly showered on men, marginalising women. In view of the plights and miseries of women folk, several laws have been enacted as a deliberate measure to protect women and to safeguard their legal rights entitled in the constitution. But as years pass by, increasing incidences of misuse of women protection laws are noticed which are pursued out of anger, revenge or monetary gain and many innocent men are subjected to loss of lives, dignity and social standing facing extreme situations of humiliation. While Protection laws introduced as a boon to women has turned as a bane to men, the elusive role of patriarchy cannot be undermined as the system which places extra responsibilities and benefits on men, itself is making them pay the price for their advantageous position in the society. The present paper aims to address the increasing incidence of misuse of women protection laws in Indian scenario. Constitutional and legal provisions bestowed to ensure the safety of women is identified spotting the most frequently misused provisions of protection. Judicial interventions against the misuse of women protection laws are also brought to light in an attempt to highlight the gravity of the problem.

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Introduction

Patriarchy, the “system of social structures and practices in which men dominate, oppress and exploit women” (Walby, 1989) had been the social order of Indian Society leading to gender inequality granting priority to men in the access to resources in the family, market, state, and