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Decriminalization of Abortion !

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What is Decriminalization of Abortion?

- **Decriminalization:** Abortion is not under the ambit of country's criminal, penal legal framework.
- **“Partial decriminalization”:** liberalization of restrictive abortion laws but abortion remains punishable under the law in certain circumstances.
- **“Full decriminalization”:** Removal of abortion from criminal law framework. No one- pregnant persons, health-care providers, or others- is subjected to criminal or punitive sanctions for seeking or performing abortion or assisting for it.

Why Decriminalization of Abortion?



- Criminalization does not stop abortion; it only makes abortion unsafe
- Criminalization violates Human Rights
- U.N. treaty-monitoring bodies and experts have repeatedly recognized the harm resulting from criminal abortion laws
- U.N. human rights bodies and experts have recognized States' obligations to decriminalize abortion
- Access to safe abortion is essential to realization of the full range of human rights.



Regional Advocacy Efforts

- South Asia Reproductive Justice and Accountability Initiatives (SARJAI)
- SARJAI Abortion Working Group
- Partnership and collaboration with Pro-bono partners

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