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### Of Kidnapping, Abduction, Slavery and Forced Labour

Under the updated legal framework, differentiating between kidnapping types involves actions like forcibly transporting a person out of India without consent. Violators may face up to seven years of imprisonment and fines, with jurisdiction falling under the Magistrate of the First Class.

Expanding the scope to encompass child kidnapping for begging introduces stringent penalties, including a minimum 10 years of imprisonment, potentially a life sentence, along with fines. These offenses, cognizable and non-bailable, fall under the jurisdiction of the Court of Session.

Provisions against kidnapping for murder or ransom have been introduced, although specific penalties remain unspecified.

Addressing the importation of minors for illicit activities, penalties include imprisonment for up to 10 years and fines, with trials conducted in the Court of Session.

With a specific focus on child trafficking, penalties range from a minimum of 10 years to 14 years for single and multiple victims, respectively. These offenses, cognizable and non-bailable, are adjudicated in the Court of Session.

#### Kidnapping

**Section 137. (Section 359):** In the corresponding provisions, the term "minor" as used in the section has been replaced with "child below the age of 18 years" and simply "child." The punishment terms have been significantly increased, incorporating the introduction of mandatory minimum sentences.

#### Kidnapping or maiming a child for purposes of begging

**Section 139. (Section 363A):** in the corresponding provision, the punishment terms have been significantly increased, incorporating the introduction of mandatory minimum sentences.

#### Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder **or for ransom**, etc.

Ref: Section140. (section 364):

Importation of girl or boy from foreign country

Section 141. (section 366B): The punishment terms have been significantly increased, incorporating the introduction of mandatory minimum sentences.

Trafficking of person

Section143(4). (section 370): In the corresponding provisions, the term "minor" as used in the section has been replaced with "child below the age of 18 years" and simply "child

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Exploitation of a trafficked person.

Section 144. (section 370A): In the corresponding provisions, the term "minor" as used in the section has been replaced with "child below the age of 18 years" and simply "child." The punishment terms have been significantly increased, incorporating the introduction of mandatory minimum sentences

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