

A Study on Domestic Violence Against Women - A Ground for Divorce Under Personal Law With Special References to Chennai

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Abstract: *Domestic violence against women has long been a ground for divorce under personal law in India, reflecting evolving societal attitudes toward women's rights and marital justice. Historically, domestic violence was often overlooked or minimized, seen as a private matter. However, increased awareness and advocacy have led to significant legal reforms. The major objective of the research are To find out which type of domestic violence is occurred more against the women, To find out domestic violence is still presiding in society, To analyse the main reason behind domestic violence against women and To analyse how far the people are aware that domestic violence is a ground for divorce. This study used primary data which has been collected from the 202 respondents with convenient sampling. The samples collected from the respondents are from different parts of Chennai. The independent variables are age, gender, locality, marital status, education qualifications of respondents and the opinion on domestic violence against women a ground for divorce under personal law was collected. The statistical method used by the researcher are simple percentage analysis and graphical representation. The major finding of the research are the reason for domestic violence are psychological factors and the main form are verbal and emotional abuse and the awareness should be created. In conclusion, addressing domestic violence against women as a ground for divorce under personal law in India requires a multifaceted approach. Significant legal reforms and government initiatives have laid a strong foundation, but challenges in enforcement and societal attitudes persist. Continued efforts in legal literacy, societal education, and technological integration are essential to empower women, ensure their safety, and uphold their rights. By fostering a more supportive and aware society, India can make substantial progress in combating domestic violence and providing justice for victims.*

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