

## **Amendment to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012**

The Criminal Law Amendment (CLA) Act, 2013 received the President's assent on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013. The CLA Act repeals the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 2013 and has come into force from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2013.

The CLA Act amends the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, the Indian Penal Code, The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Section 29 of the CLA Act amends Section 42 of the POCSO Act and inserts a new Section 42A (See Page 16).

The link to the CLA Act, 2013 is given below.

<http://mha.nic.in/pdfs/TheCrimnalLaw030413.pdf>