

¹[376A. Disclosure of identity of victim of rape, etc.— (1) Whoever prints or publishes name or any matter which may make known identity of victim, against whom an offence under sections 354A, 376, 376A, 377 and 377B is alleged or found to have been committed, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) extends to any printing or publication if it is—

¹Ins. by Act XLIV of 2016, s.5 and 6.

- (a) by or under order in writing of officer-in-charge of the police station or police officer making investigation into such offence acting in good faith for the purposes of such investigation; or
- (b) by or under order of Court; or
- (c) by or with authorization in writing of the victim; or
- (d) by or with the authorization in writing of natural or legal guardian of the victim where the victim is dead or a minor or of unsound mind.

Explanation.— Printing or publication of judgment of any High Court, the Federal Shariat Court or the Supreme Court in law journals does not amount to an offence within the meaning of this section.]