



[SC - 24.03.2022] CrPC S.188 - POCSO S. 8 - Minor victim lured from Nepal - As a part of the offence was definitely committed on the soil of this country and as such going by the normal principles the offence could be looked into and tried by Indian courts. 2022 SCeJ 0406 , 2022 PLRonline 1794

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(i) CrPC S.188 - In terms of Section 188, even if an offence is committed outside India, (a) by a citizen whether on the high seas or anywhere else or (b) by a non-citizen on a ship or aircraft registered in India, the offence can still be tried in India provided the conditions mentioned in said Section are satisfied - The Section gets attracted when the entirety of the offence is committed outside India; and the grant of sanction would enable such offence to be enquired into or tried in India - Held, a part of the offence was definitely committed on the soil of this country and as such going by the normal principles the offence could be looked into and tried by Indian courts - Since the offence was not committed in its entirety, outside India, the matter would not come within the scope of Section 188 of the Code and there was no necessity of any sanction as mandated by the proviso to Section 188. [Para 13, 14]

Protection of <u>children</u> from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, S.8 - Indian Penal Code, 1860 S.370(4) - Victim as less than 18 years - It is true that the victim had traveled on her own from Kathmandu to Atariya, a distance of about 650 Kms - However, the <u>evidence</u> on record establishes that she was lured into coming to India - The offences alleged against the appellant were thus rightly invoked and fully substantiated

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