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intimidation, fear, shame or embarrassment, including abusing or causing hurt or nuisance or assault or use of force." 5. In section 3 of the principal Act, - (I) in the marginal heading, for the expression "eve-teasing", the expression "harassment of woman" shall be substituted; (2) for the expression "Eve-teasing", the expression "Harassment of woman" shall be substituted

6. For section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—"4. Penalty for harassment of woman.—Whoever commits or participates in or abets harassment of woman in or within the precincts of any educational institution, temple or other place of worship, bus stop, road, railway station, cinema theatre, park, beach, place of festival, public service vehicle or vessel or any other place shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees."

7. After section 4 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely :—"4-A. Harassment leading to death. 1) Where the death of a woman is caused by bodily injury or occurs otherwise than under normal circumstances and if it is shown that soon before her death, she was subjected to harassment or that in respect of her an offence under section 294, 354 or 509 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860) was committed, such death shall be called harassment death. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 4, whoever commits harassment death and if the act by which the death is caused, (i) is done with the intention of causing death or of causing such bodily injury as is likely to cause death, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to imprisonment for life and with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees ; (ii) is done with knowledge that it is likely to cause death but without any intention to cause death or such bodily injury as is likely to cause death. shall be punished with imprisonment of either for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees Short title and comment. Amendment of long title. Amendment of section 1. Amendment of section 2. Amendment of section 3. Substitution of section 4. Insertion of new sections and 4-C. 252 Amendment of section 5. Amendment of section 6. Amendment TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY (iii) is rash or negligent, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which shall not be less than twenty-five thousand rupees. 4-B. Harassment) If any woman commits suicide and it is shown that soon before her death, she was subjected to harassment by any person or that in respect of her an offence under section 294, 354 or 509 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860) was committed, such suicide shall be called the harassment suicide and such person shall be deemed to have abetted the suicide. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 4, whoever abets harassment suicide shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees. 4-C. Presumption as to harassment death and abetment of harassment suicide.— When the question is whether any person had caused harassment death or abetted harassment suicide of a woman, the court shall, unless the contrary is proved, presume that such person had caused the harassment death or abetted the harassment suicide, as the case may be, when it is shown that before her death, such woman had been subjected to harassment or, in respect of her an offence was committed under section 294, 354 or 509 of Indian Penal Code (Central Act XLV of 1860) and bodily injury was caused in furtherance of such harassment or commission of the said offence by or at the instance of that person and it resulted in death or suicide, as the case may be, of that woman

8. In section 5 of the principal Act, in sub-section (I), for the expression "eve-teasing" in two places where it occurs, the expression "harassment of woman" shall be substituted

9. In section 6 of the principal Act, for sub-section (I), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely :—1) The crew of a public service vehicle or vessel shall take such steps as they may deem fit to prevent harassment of woman in the vehicle or vessel. Where such harassment is committed in public service vehicle, the crew of such vehicle shall, on a complaint made by the aggrieved person, take such vehicle to the nearest police station and give information to the police."

10. In section 7 of the principal Act,—(I) for sub-section (I), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:- "(I) Where any vehicle or vessel is used in the commission of any offence punishable under section 4, 4-A or 4-B, the driver of such vehicle or vessel shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have abetted offence under section 4, 4-A or 4-B, as the case may be, and shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine which shall not be less than five

thousand rupees; (2) in sub-section (2),— (a) for the expression "vehicle" in three places where it occurs, the expression "vehicle or vessel" shall be substituted; (b) for the expression "eve-teasing", the expression "harassment of woman" shall be substituted. 11. After section 7 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely : Insertion of new section "7-A. Order to pay compensation. •-•The court may, when awarding a sentence under section 4, 4-A or 4-B, order the accused to pay; by way of compensation, such amount as may be specified in the order. to the person who has suffered any loss or injury or disability or mental agony by reason of the act for which the accused person has been so sentenced or to her legal heir. (By order of the Governor) A. KRISHNANK(JITTY NAIR, Secretary to Government Department).

