

ABSTRACT

This research reviews the Protection rights of the Victims of crimes in context of the criminal Justice Systems of Sri Lanka. The suspect centered criminal justice system can be seen when considering the procedure follow in the domestic criminal justice system of Sri Lanka. Victims should be aware of their rights to participate in the criminal justice system within a strong legal protection of criminal justice system. States should recognize the status of all victims of crime. According to human rights standards, victims are treated with respect their dignity through the criminal justice procedure and without suffering any discrimination. Rights of victim of crimes amalgamated with some other rights such as right to fair trial, right to speedy trial, right to public trial, right to inform criminal proceedings, right to compensation and restitution. Victims should be protected and assisted by all appropriate instances and should have free access for specialized help such as health and counseling. There should be easy access and active participation for victims of crime in the criminal procedure, with providing them information and notices. As well as there should be effort to maintain equality between the prosecution and the defense in the criminal justice systems. Victim protection also includes prevent the re-victimisation and re-traumatized in the course of investigations and prosecutions, victims be treated with compassion and with respect for their human dignity throughout the criminal justice process.

Maintaining law and order and ensuring the protection of all the members of society importance in an effective criminal justice system. Victim protection mechanisms are not only measures to provide actual protection, Having a strong piece of legislation on paper will not provide the required protection to victims if it is not comprehensively implemented and developed in practice. Therefore, this study intends to establish strong protection for rights of the victim of crimes and provide meaningful justice with guaranteeing their active participation in criminal justice system according to the international standard by comparing other two jurisdictions of South Africa and United Kingdom by highlighting statutory provisions.

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