TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultant: Review and Collation of MTP and POCSO Judgments 2021 Jan – 2026 June

1. Background

The **Abortion Rights Alliance for Inclusion, Safety, and Empowerment (ARISE)** is an alliance of organisations, networks, professionals and individuals committed to advancing access to safe, legal, inclusive, affordable and rights-based abortion care in India.

The Alliance brings together diverse stakeholders working across advocacy, service delivery, research, law, policy, communications, community engagement and other relevant areas. Given the evolving policy, legal, programmatic and evidence landscape related to abortion and reproductive rights, there is a need for a dedicated group of experts who can provide specialised technical inputs to strengthen the Alliance's work, knowledge products and strategic positioning.

ARISE seeks to engage a consultant with legal background to undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of Indian court judgements and jurisprudence relating to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

2. Purpose of the Assignment

To systematically collate, review, analyse, and document Supreme Court and significant High Court judgments regarding the MTP Act, POCSO Act and those cases where MTP and POCSO Act have been applied together; develop topic specific materials for various stakeholders.

3. Scope of Work

The Consultant shall work on:

A. Legal and Jurisprudence Review
B. Develop a Documentation Framework
C. Analysis and Synthesis of Judgements
D. Develop Practical Guidance Documents for Stakeholders

4. Qualifications

- LLB/LLM from a recognized institution.
- Minimum 3 to 5 years' experience

- Demonstrated experience in constitutional law, gender justice, reproductive rights, child rights, or health law.
- Experience in legal writing and jurisprudence analysis.
- Familiarity with MTP Act, POCSO Act, and reproductive rights jurisprudence.

5. Reporting and Supervision

The Consultant will report to the ARISE Secretariat (FPA India). Regular progress updates will be shared with the designated focal person(s) of the Secretariat team.

6. Application process

Interested candidates are requested to submit:

- Expression of Interest (EOI)
- Detailed CV
- Writing sample (legal research/publication)
- Proposed methodology
- Detailed financial quotation (inclusive of taxes)

Applications should be sent to: **procure@fpaindia.org**

Subject Line: EOI – Consultant ARISE – FPA India.

Please note that applications not mentioning the subject line "EOI – Consultant ARISE – FPA India" shall not be considered.

Suggested Duration:

The consultancy is expected to run for approximately 4 months. The proposed duration may be revised based on the scope of work and progress of the consultancy, subject to mutual agreement.

Confidentiality & Intellectual Property

All outputs developed under this consultancy shall remain the property of FPA India - ARISE. The consultant shall maintain confidentiality of all materials and information accessed during the assignment. They shall not use the materials for any publications or any other use.