



NO
MARRIAGE
NOW!

THIS
BOOK
BELONGS
TO US



THE PROHIBITION OF CHILD
MARRIAGE ACT [2006, 2016]
PROVIDES CHILDREN THEIR
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SO THAT
THEY CAN DEVELOP TO THEIR
FULL POTENTIAL










Child Marriage is when a girl is married before 18 years of age, or a boy before 21. It is a punishable offence!



There are several ways to prevent Child Marriage

-  File an FIR at a nearby Police Station
-  Inform the BDO
-  Inform a Judicial Magistrate
-  Call CHILDLINE 1098
-  Message to 9836 300 300*

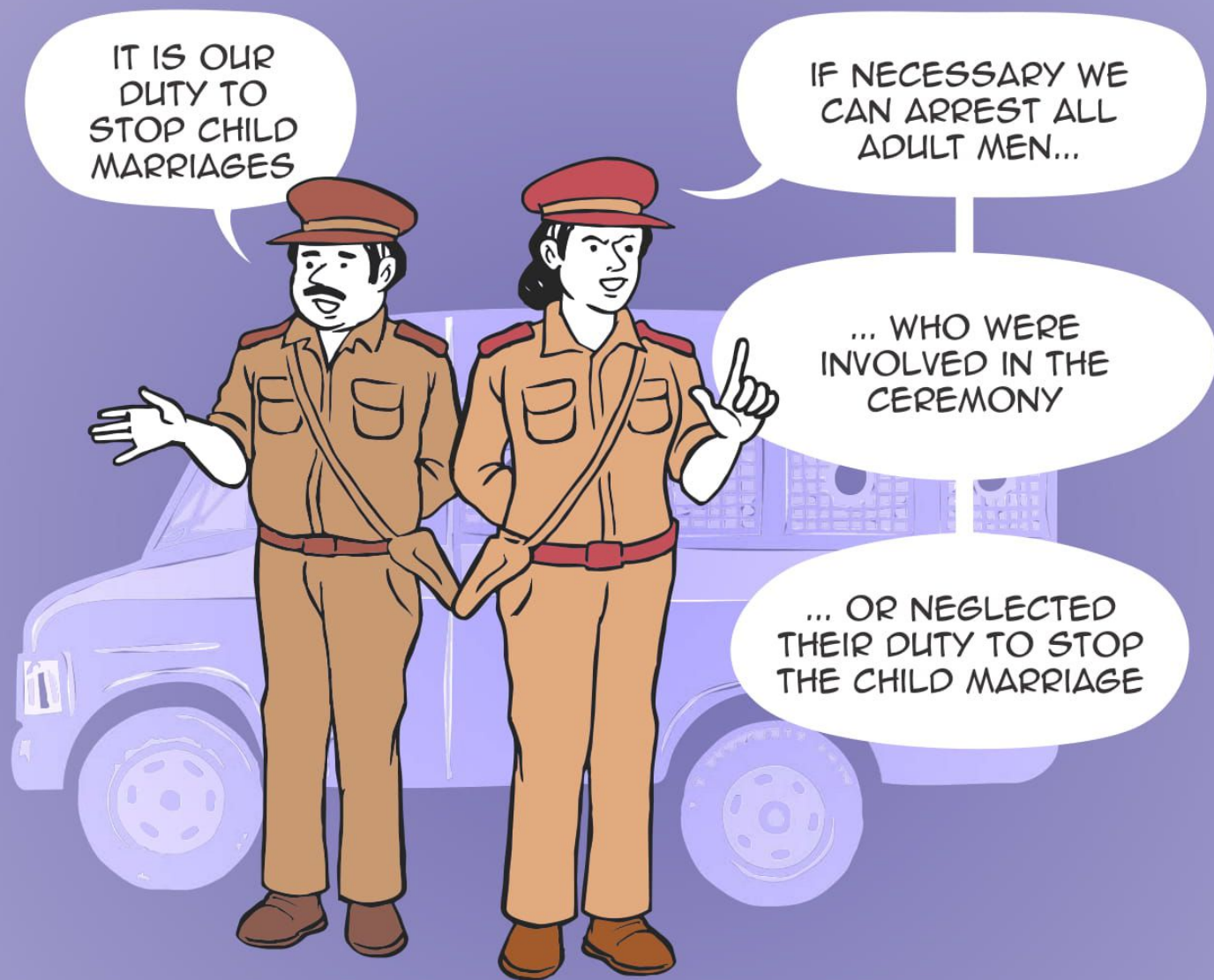
A Child Marriage can be annulled within 2 years of the boy or girl reaching adulthood.

For this, they can appeal to the DSWO, or the Child Marriage Prohibition officer.

If the boy or girl is underage, any adult, or a school friend, can appeal on their behalf.



*WBCPCR whatsapp helpline [2019]
available in West Bengal only



Child Marriage is a Non-Bailable Offence



BUT I'M JUST THE
COOK!

BUT WE ARE JUST
GUESTS!



BUT I'M A
WOMAN!

BUT I'M THE
BRIDE'S MOTHER!



BUT I'M THE
BRIDE'S FATHER!

BUT WE ARE
RELIGIOUS
LEADERS!

WE CAN ARREST
YOU...

...AND YOU


WOMEN
WILL NOT
BE JAILED,
BUT THEY
CAN BE
FINED

WE CAN
ARREST YOU

...AND YOU



An adult groom, his and the girl's parents or guardians, can be punished with up to 2 years jail, 1 lakh rupees fine, or both



WE'LL FILE
AN FIR AND
INVESTIGATE
QUICKLY

WE'LL PRESENT
THE GIRL BEFORE
THE OFFICER WITHIN
24 HOURS

CHILDREN WILL
NOT BE HAND-
CUFFED DURING
RESCUE



BUT WHY
IS CHILD
MARRIAGE
STILL COM-
MON IN OUR
SOCIETY?

BECAUSE,
ALTHOUGH BOYS
AND GIRLS HAVE
EQUAL RIGHTS BY
LAW...

... OUR
SOCIETY
VALUES
WOMEN
LESS



IF A GIRL GETS
MARRIED EARLY,
PARENTS HAVE
TO GIVE LESS
DOWRY...



... BUT GIVING
OR RECEIVING
DOWRY IS ALSO
A CRIME!

IT IS TO
PROTECT GIRLS
FROM UNSAFE
RELATIONSHIPS

IN FACT GIRLS BECOME
MORE VULNERABLE TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PARENTS CAN
STOP WORRYING
AFTER THE GIRL IS
MARRIED.
IT IS FOR HER
OWN GOOD...



BECAUSE NO ONE
TALKS ABOUT ALL
THE PROBLEMS OF
CHILD MARRIAGE

BECAUSE MANY
PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW
THAT CHILD MARRIAGE
IS ILLEGAL



BECAUSE
MANY PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW THE
ADVANTAGES OF
NOT GETTING
MARRIED AS A
CHILD

WHEN CHILD MARRIAGE HAPPENS...



I'M ABOUT TO GET TRAF-
FICKED INTO CHILD LABOUR
OR SEX WORK

I'M MORE VULNERABLE TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



UNPROTECTED SEX
CAUSE DISEASES; I CAN
DIE FROM THEM!



I'M TOO YOUNG TO BE A
MOTHER. MY BABY IS SICK
AND WEAK



MY RIGHTS TO
HEALTH, NUTRITION,
EDUCATION, SECURITY...
NOTHING IS ASSURED



Child Marriage limits a child's freedom of decision making,
and contributes to intergenerational cycle of poverty

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO MY
CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION.
I'LL STAND ON MY OWN FEET
WHEN I GROW UP



WHEN CHILD MARRIAGE DOES NOT HAPPEN...

I HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
WORK TOWARDS A
LIFE GOAL, AND BE
INDEPENDENT



I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO
BUILD A FUTURE FOR MY
FAMILY AND ME



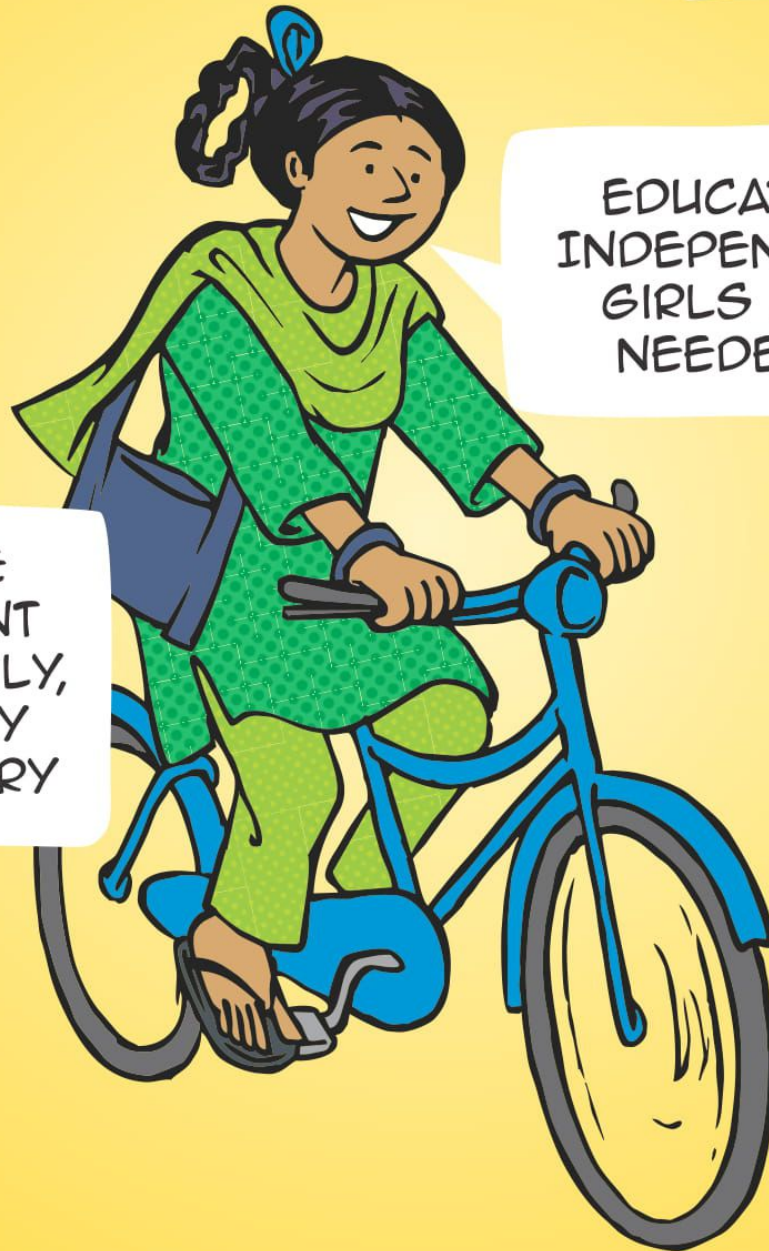
I CAN TAKE IMPOR-
TANT DECISIONS IN
THE COMMUNITY





EDUCATED,
INDEPENDENT
GIRLS ARE
NEEDED...

...FOR THE
BETTERMENT
OF THE FAMILY,
COMMUNITY
AND COUNTRY



IT IS OUR DUTY TO PREVENT CHILD MARRIAGES

NEIGHBOURS



TEACHERS



SHG MEMBERS,
ANGANWADI WORKERS



POLICE



PANCHAYAT



CHILD WELFARE
COMMITTEE



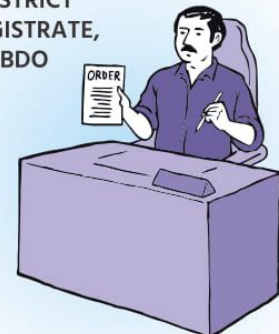
CHILD MARRIAGE
PREVENTION
OFFICER



JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE



DISTRICT
MAGISTRATE,
BDO





...KEEP TRACK OF STUDENTS' ATTENDANCE;
THEY MAY BE AT RISK OF CHILD MARRIAGE

LOCAL GROUP



...IF NEEDED,
FILE A COMPLAINT
DIRECTLY WITH
THE JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE

HELLO?

1098



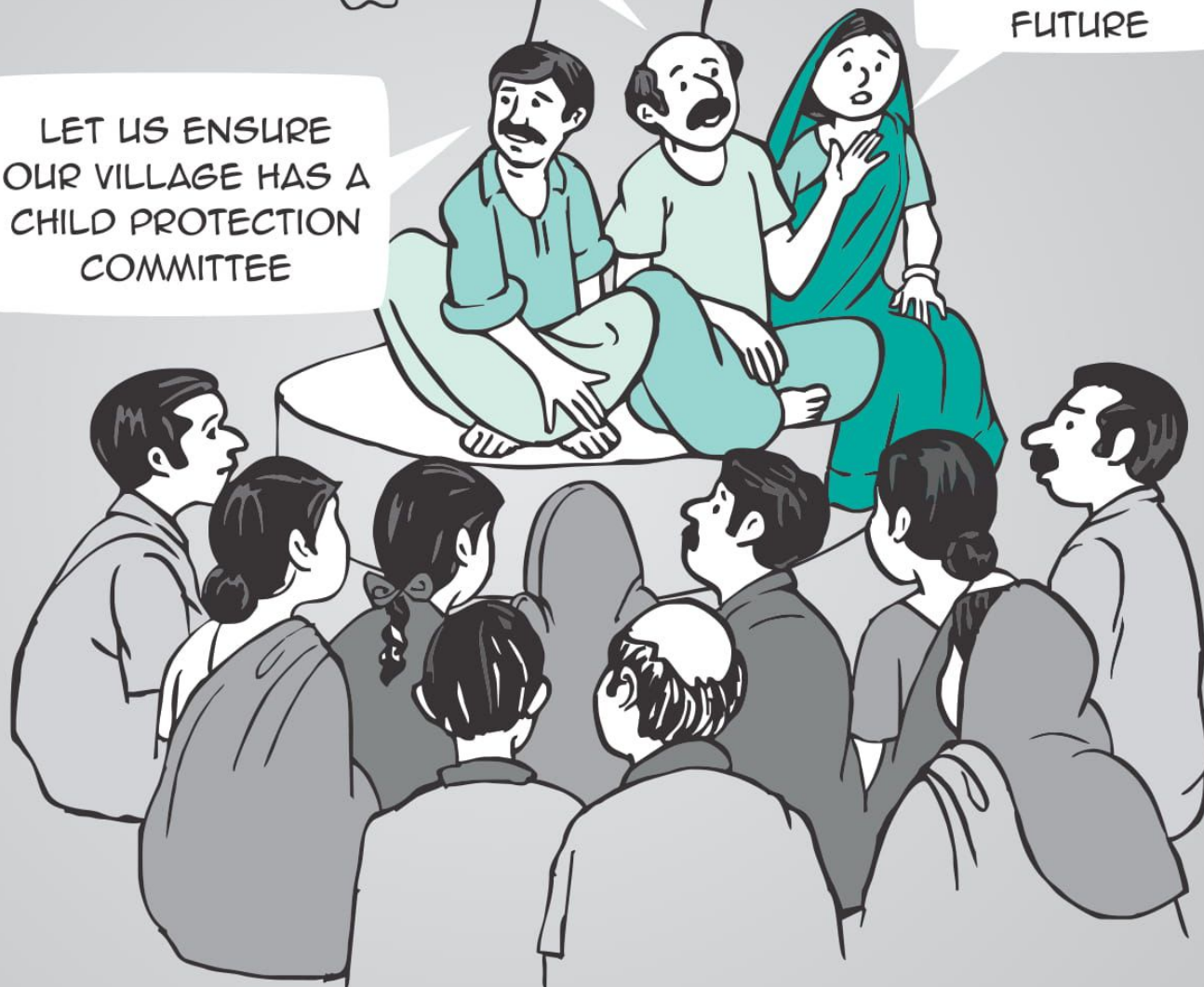
Everyone has a duty to prevent Child Marriage
A girl can call CHILDLINE 1098 herself

PANCHAYAT

MEMBERS MUST
NOT SUPPORT ANY
CHILD MARRIAGE

LET'S ENSURE
WRONG BIRTH
CERTIFICATES
DON'T RUIN OUR
CHILDREN'S
FUTURE

LET US ENSURE
OUR VILLAGE HAS A
CHILD PROTECTION
COMMITTEE



CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

THE CHILD RESCUED
FROM MARRIAGE IS
BROUGHT TO US BY
CHILDLINE SOCIAL
WORKERS

WE HAVE SPECIAL
POWERS TO ACT
QUICKLY



In the absence of the CWC, the BDO, or the District
Child Protection Unit [DCPU] is responsible

JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE

WHERE NEEDED,
I CAN INITIATE LEGAL
ACTION THROUGH AN
INJUNCTION ORDER
EVEN WITHOUT ANY
APPLICATION



CHILD MARRIAGE PROHIBITION OFFICER

I WILL VISIT THE
PLACE TO PREVENT
CHILD MARRIAGE,
AND TELL THE POLICE
TO REGISTER A
CRIMINAL CASE

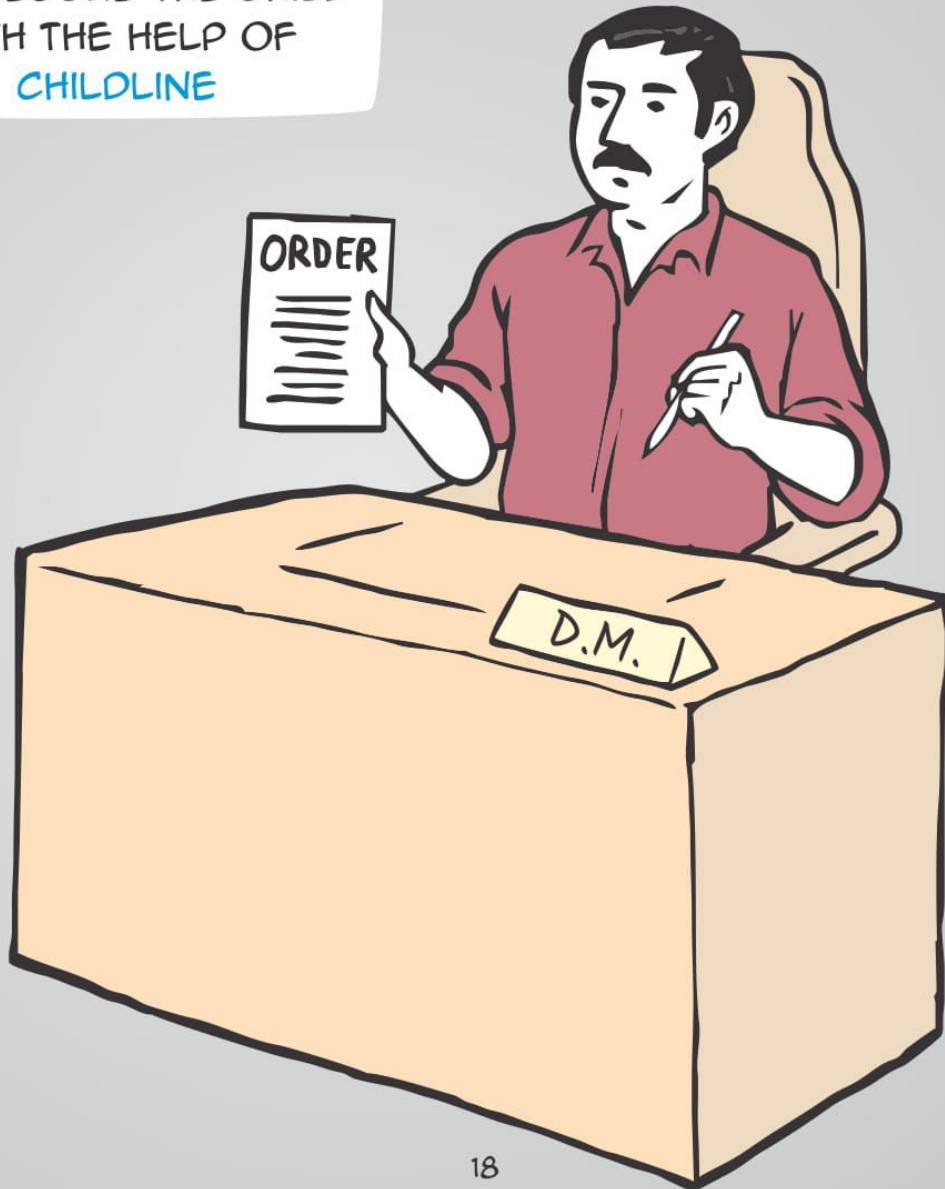
I'LL ALSO COLLECT
EVIDENCE AGAINST THE
OFFENDERS



The officer can provide counselling where needed,
and raise community awareness on Child Marriage

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

I CAN ORDER THE
POLICE TO STOP THE
MARRIAGE CEREMONY
AND RESCUE THE CHILD
WITH THE HELP OF
CHILDLINE





YES, I'LL SUPPORT YOU TO PREVENT CHILD MARRIAGES

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SHOW AND EXPLAIN THIS BOOK TO MEMBERS OF **PANCHAYAT**
OR POLICE YOU LIKE AND TRUST. REQUEST THEM TO SIGN HERE

YES, I'LL SUPPORT YOU TO PREVENT CHILD MARRIAGES

NAME

ROLE

SIGNATURE

[illegible]

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS
DUE TO CHILD MARRIAGE?

MAKE A LIST HERE



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WHERE WILL YOU REPORT A
CHILD MARRIAGE?

NOTE PHONE NUMBERS HERE

POLICE

BDO

DCPU



CHILDLINE 1098



9836 300 300



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