

Sexual Harassment Policy

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- 1. <u>Objective :</u> The objective of this policy is to guide the employees and describe the procedure for taking action against the Sexual Harassment, if in case, takes place with him/her at the workplace.
- 2. <u>Scope:</u> This Policy extends to all employees of KOPL and sister concerns and is deemed to be incorporated in the service conditions of all employees and comes into effect immediately.

3. <u>Policy:</u>

- 3.1 **Definition:** According to The Supreme Court definition, sexual harassment is any unwelcome sexually determined behavior, such as:-
 - Physical contact and advances
 - > A demand or request for sexual favours
 - Making Sexually coloured remarks
 - Showing pornography
 - > Any other physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature.
- 3.2 <u>Sexual Harassment takes place if a person:</u>
 - subjects another person to an unwelcome act of physical intimacy, like grabbing, brushing, touching, pinching etc.
 - makes an unwelcome demand or request (whether directly or by implication) for sexual favours from another person, and further makes it a condition for employment/payment of wages/increment/promotion etc. or threats about her present or future employment status.
 - makes an unwelcome remark with sexual connotations, like sexually explicit compliments/cracking loud jokes with sexual connotations/ making sexist remarks etc.
 - shows a person any sexually explicit visual material, in the form of pictures/cartoons/pin-ups/calendars/screen savers on computers/any offensive written material/pornographic e-mails, etc.
 - engages in any other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, which could be verbal, or even non-verbal, like staring to make the other person uncomfortable, making offensive gestures, kissing sounds, etc.
 - It is sexual harassment if a supervisor requests sexual favours from a junior in return for promotion or other benefits or threatens to sack for non-cooperation. It is also sexual harassment for a boss to make intrusive inquiries into the private lives of employees, or persistently ask them out. It is sexual harassment for a group of workers to joke and snigger amongst themselves about sexual conduct in an attempt to humiliate or embarrass another person.