

Take steps to save children like Roma and others from child marriage

Become a responsible citizen. Stop a child marriage from taking place and report it to:



Local Police Station



Child Marriage Prevention Officer



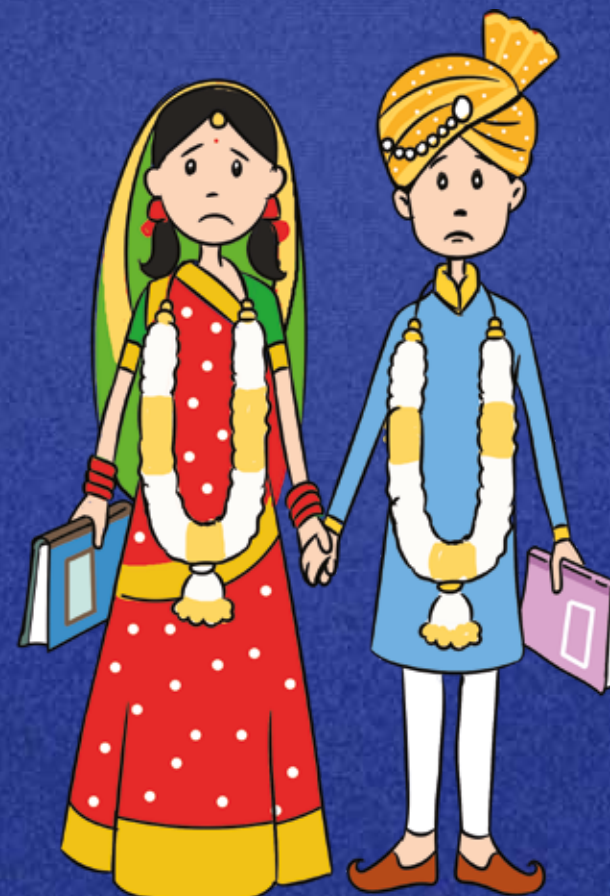
District Child Protection Unit



Childline 1098

When they want to spread their wings

*Do not let the dreams of children remain unfulfilled by getting them married early
Educate them and let them reach for skies*





Roma's dreams could not come alive

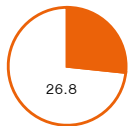
Roma is 15 years old. This year, she has gone to class tenth. She has only one dream - to get educated and become a police officer. She is determined to make her dream come true, that is why she always works hard and performs well in her class. However, her parents and family members are indifferent to her dream and want to get her married. They believe that it is more important for girls to manage homes, do household chores and carry out family responsibilities than to educate them. With these thoughts in mind, they have decided to get Roma married.

Roma's dreams were shattered

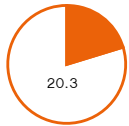
Child Marriage related Statistics

India

26.8 percent girls in our country get married below 18 years of age



20.3 percent boys get married below 21 years of age



(Source: NFHS-4, 2015-16)

Who is responsible for Roma's marriage?

Child marriage – a crime



Marrying a girl below 18 years and a boy below 21 years is a punishable offence. As per Child Marriage Prevention Act 2006, any one pressurizing a child to get married at an early age is liable for punishment. Additionally, all those will also be liable to punishment who:

- Encourage or help to get children married
- Do not take measures to stop a child marriage from taking place
- Participate in a child marriage

Punishment if found guilty is:

Any one found guilty of associating with a child marriage can be put behind bars for up to 2 years.

The person is also liable to pay a fine up to Rs 1 lakh in addition to imprisonment.

