

**As per the Right to Information Act No. 16 of 2016, directive issued by the Right to Information Commission to the National Child Protection Authority.**

**Information on Court Cases of Child Abuse pending in High Courts Islandwide.**

Information on the number of Child Abuse cases pending in every High Court island wide and the number of cases that will be taken up for trial/ calling during the respective month by each of the High Court is displayed here for public consideration.

The “Child Abuse” is defined in the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment ) Act No. 28 of 1998 as an offense under section

- 286 A - Obscene publication, exhibition relating to children
- 288 - Causing or procuring children to beg
- 288 A Hiring or employing children to act as procurers for sexual intercourse
- 288 B Hiring or employing children to traffic restricted articles
- 308 A Cruelty to children
- 360 A Procuration
- 360 B Sexual exploitation of children
- 360 C Trafficking
- 363 Rape
- 364 A Incest
- 365 Unnatural Offenses
- 365 A Act of gross indecency between persons
- 365 B Grave sexual abuse

of the Penal code when committed in relation to a child. **The child is a person below the age of 18 years.** Accordingly the information displayed here is pertaining to the cases in **High Courts and the Attorney General has filed indictments under the offenses of the above 13 sections of the Penal Code.**

All information displayed for public on Court Cases of Child Abuse and information pertaining to their update are being collected in coordination with the Children and Women Abuse Investigation Range through the 47 Police Divisional Children and Women’s Bureaus.

Chairperson

National Child Protection Authority

## Pending Child Abuse Cases

No	High Court	Total No. of Cases	Cases fixed for April 2026
1	Ampara	39	1
2	Anuradhapura	159	11
3	Avissawella	69	4
4	Badulla	215	24
5	Balapitiya	171	12
6	Bataloa	4	0
7	Chillaw	145	21
8	Colombo	125	13
9	Embilipitiya	15	4
10	Galle	467	33
11	Gampaha	231	36
12	Hambanthota	53	6
13	Homagama	37	4
14	Jaffna	43	0
15	Kalmunai	1	0
16	kalutara	241	11
17	Kandy	418	46
18	Kegalle	203	13
19	Kilinochchi	35	2
20	Kuliyapitiya	161	19
21	Kurunagala	412	40
22	Mannar	8	1
23	Matale	83	16
24	Matara	212	25
25	Monaragala	80	9
26	Negombo	198	9
27	Nuwaraeliya	82	13
28	Panadura	39	4
29	Polonnaruwa	122	23
30	Puttalam	67	18
31	Ratnapura	165	34

<b>32</b>	Tangalle	50	11
<b>33</b>	Trincomalee	28	1
<b>34</b>	Vavuniya	43	9
<b>35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4421</b>	<b>473</b>

Please note

The information as at 08.05.2026.