

**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 46 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 February 2026
1	Ampara	39	11
2	Anuradhapura	166	100
3	Avissawella	69	22
4	Badulla	218	108
5	Balapitiya	171	66
6	Bataloa	5	5
7	Chillaw	149	45
8	Colombo	129	59
9	Embilipitiya	16	12
10	Galle	467	125
11	Gampaha	232	80
12	Hambanthota	57	29
13	Homagama	37	12
14	Jaffna	43	12
15	Kalmunai	1	1
16	kalutara	242	48
17	Kandy	420	184
18	Kegalle	207	71
19	Kilinochchi	36	25
20	Kuliyapitiya	161	53
21	Kurunagala	423	165
22	Mannar	8	4
23	Matale	83	44
24	Matara	216	40
25	Monaragala	94	47
26	Negombo	199	52
27	Nuwaraeliya	86	55
28	Panadura	39	15
29	Polonnaruwa	132	58
30	Puttalam	67	46
31	Ratnapura	169	65

<b>32</b>	Tangalle	53	38
<b>33</b>	Trincomalee	31	8
<b>34</b>	Vavuniya	47	28
<b>35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4512</b>	<b>1733</b>