

**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 March 2026
1	Ampara	39	26
2	Anuradhapura	159	59
3	Avissawella	69	20
4	Badulla	215	110
5	Balapitiya	171	42
6	Bataloa	4	1
7	Chillaw	145	55
8	Colombo	125	53
9	Embilipitiya	15	10
10	Galle	467	96
11	Gampaha	231	98
12	Hambanthota	53	34
13	Homagama	37	13
14	Jaffna	43	10
15	Kalmunai	1	0
16	kalutara	241	64
17	Kandy	418	154
18	Kegalle	203	50
19	Kilinochchi	35	22
20	Kuliyapitiya	161	62
21	Kurunagala	412	23
22	Mannar	8	2
23	Matale	83	27
24	Matara	212	92
25	Monaragala	80	65
26	Negombo	198	57
27	Nuwaraeliya	82	38
28	Panadura	39	13
29	Polonnaruwa	122	53
30	Puttalam	67	9
31	Ratnapura	165	77

<b>32</b>	Tangalle	50	33
<b>33</b>	Trincomalee	28	17
<b>34</b>	Vavuniya	43	9
<b>35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4421</b>	<b>1494</b>

Please note

The information as at 08.04.2026.