

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL DOCUMENT

This document is prepared as a sample draft under the provisions of the **Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005** (India). It is intended for educational purposes only and does not substitute professional legal advice.

## Parties

**Complainant:** [Name], residing at [Address].

**Respondent:** [Name], residing at [Address].

## Recitals

WHEREAS, the Complainant has been subjected to acts of domestic violence, including but not limited to physical, emotional, verbal, and economic abuse;

AND WHEREAS, the Complainant seeks relief under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

## Definitions

1. **Domestic Violence** includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, verbal and emotional abuse, and economic abuse.
2. **Protection Officer** means an officer appointed under Section 8 of the Act.
3. **Shared Household** refers to a household where the aggrieved person lives or has lived in a domestic relationship.

## Key Clauses

1. **Protection Order:** The Respondent shall not commit any act of domestic violence against the Complainant.
2. **Residence Order:** The Complainant shall not be evicted from the shared household.
3. **Monetary Relief:** The Respondent shall provide financial support for medical expenses, loss of earnings, and maintenance.
4. **Custody Orders:** Temporary custody of minor children shall be granted to the Complainant.
5. **Compensation:** The Complainant shall be entitled to compensation for mental torture, emotional distress, and physical injury.
6. **Interim Orders:** The Court may pass interim and ex-parte orders as deemed necessary.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Complainant Signature

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Respondent Signature