



# Sexual Offences Act 1956

## 1956 CHAPTER 69

### PART I

#### OFFENCES, AND THE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

##### *Intercourse with defectives*

#### **7 Intercourse with an idiot or imbecile**

It is an offence for a man to have unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman whom he knows to be an idiot or imbecile.

#### **8 Intercourse with defective**

- (1) It is an offence, subject to the exception mentioned in this section, for a man to have unlawful sexual intercourse with a woman who is under care or treatment in an institution, certified house or approved home within the meaning of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, or placed out on licence therefrom or under guardianship under that Act.
- (2) A man is not guilty of an offence under this section because he has unlawful sexual intercourse with such a woman, if he does not know and has no reason to suspect her to be a defective.

#### **9 Procurement of defective**

- (1) It is an offence, subject to the exception mentioned in this section, for a person to procure a woman who is a defective to have unlawful sexual intercourse in any part of the world.
- (2) A person is not guilty of an offence under this section because he procures a defective to have unlawful sexual intercourse, if he does not know and has no reason to suspect her to be a defective.