

THE SILENCE OF WITNESSES -WITNESS PROTECTION IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

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The purpose of this paper is to examine the existing scenario regarding the lack of a witness protection programme in the Indian criminal justice system. The researcher will first outline the concept of witness protection, and all that it entails. The need for such a system will initially be explained by means of the principles of natural justice, after which the recommendations proposed by various judgments, law commission reports, and other articles will be considered. The comprehensive scheme in place in the United States of America will be studied, subsequent to which the foreseeable problems with the implementation of such a programme in India will be deliberated. A doctrinal methodology has been adopted for the purpose of this paper, and the researcher has relied upon a collection of relevant information from secondary sources such as journal articles, reports, books, and newspaper articles.