

Economics Seminar, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi.

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TITLE: **Letting the Briber Go Free: An Experiment on Mitigating Harassment Bribes**

TIME: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

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PLACE: Seminar Room 2

Abstract:

This paper examines the effectiveness of using asymmetric liability to combat harassment bribes. Basu (2011) advocates legal immunity for bribe-givers, while retaining culpability for bribe-takers. Results from our experiment indicate that while such a policy has the potential to significantly reduce corrupt practices, weak economic incentives for the bribe-giver, or retaliation by bribe-takers can mitigate the positive disciplining effect of such an implementation. As a result, asymmetric liability on its own may face challenges in the field.

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