

## **Joseph Shine vs. Union of India**

**(2019) 3 SCC 39**

- The apex Court struck down Section 497 of IPC which criminalised adultery holding that it is violative of Articles 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution.
- The Supreme Court called the law unconstitutional because it “treats a husband as the master”.
- The Court held- “Any provision of law affecting individual dignity and equality of women invites the wrath of the Constitution. It’s time to say that the husband is not the master of the wife. Legal sovereignty of one sex over other sex is wrong”.