GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.74

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH JUNE, 2019

Fast Track Courts

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of cases disposed of during the last three years along with the number of cases pending in these courts at present, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total funds allocated and spent for setting up of these courts during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more FTCs in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.74 FOR 26^{TH} JUNE, 2019 REGARDING FAST TRACK COURTS

- (a): Setting up of subordinate courts including Fast Track Courts (FTCs) comes within the domain of the State Governments which in consultation with the respective High Courts set up such courts. A statement indicating State-wise number of FTCs reported functional is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.
- (b): The information on the number of cases disposed of during the last three years and the number of cases presently pending in these courts, as made available by the High Courts, is at **Annexure-II**.
- (c)-(e): An amount of Rs.870 crore was released to the State Governments for FTCs during a period of 11 years from 2000-01 to 2010-2011 and Central funding was discontinued beyond **31.03.2011**. The Central grants released to the States for FTCs from 2000-2001 to 2010-2011 is given as **Annexure-III**. The Central Government decided to provide funds upto a maximum of Rs.80 crore per annum on a matching basis upto **31.03.2015** from the 13th Finance Commission Award for meeting expenditure on salaries of the 10% additional positions of Judges being created in the subordinate Judiciary following the direction of Supreme Court in the case of Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of India. The State Governments and Chief Justices of the High Courts were requested to utilize these positions for creation of FTCs also.

The 14th Finance Commission (14th FC) endorsed the proposal of the Union of India to strengthen the judicial system in States which includes, inter-alia, establishing **1800** FTCs for a period of five years for cases of heinous crimes; cases involving senior citizens, women, children, disabled and litigants affected with HIV AIDS and other terminal ailments; and civil disputes involving land acquisition and property/rent disputes pending for more than five years at a cost of **Rs.4144 crore** which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**. The 14th FC had urged the State Governments to use the additional fiscal space provided by the Commission in the tax devolution to meet such requirements. The Union Government has urged the State Governments to allocate funds for the activities mentioned in the 14th FC recommendations from their State budgets from the Financial Year 2015-16 onwards and to strengthen the existing coordination and monitoring mechanism between the State Governments and the Judiciary for effective implementation of the recommendations of the 14th FC.

The details of funds allocated by the State/UT Governments and their expenditure for setting up and running these courts during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise is not maintained at Central Government level.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/UT | No. of FTCs functional (as on 31.03.2019) | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 21 | | |
| 2. | Assam | 03 | | |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | | |
| 4. | Mizoram | 02 | | |
| 5. | Nagaland | 0 | | |
| 6. | Bihar | 45 | | |
| 7. | Chhattisgarh | 23 | | |
| 8. | Delhi | 14 | | |
| 9. | Goa | 0 | | |
| 10. | Maharashtra | 77 | | |
| 11. | Gujarat | 0 | | |
| 12. | Haryana | 05 | | |
| 13. | Punjab | 0 | | |
| 14. | Chandigarh | 0 | | |
| 15. | Himachal Pradesh | 0 | | |
| 16. | Jammu & Kashmir | 0 | | |
| 17. | Jharkhand | 0 | | |
| 18. | Karnataka | 0 | | |
| 19. | Kerala & Lakshadweep | 0 | | |
| 20. | Madhya Pradesh | 0 | | |
| 21. | Manipur | 04 | | |
| 22. | Meghalaya | 0 | | |
| 23. | Odisha | 0 | | |
| 24. | Rajasthan | 0 | | |
| 25. | Sikkim | 02 | | |
| 26. | Tamil Nadu | 50 | | |
| 27. | Puducherry | 0 | | |
| 28. | Tripura | 03 | | |
| 29. | Uttar Pradesh | 206 | | |
| 30. | Uttarakhand | 0 | | |
| 31. | West Bengal & Andaman and Nicobar | 88 | | |
| 32. | Telangana | 38 | | |
| 33. | Daman & Diu | 0 | | |
| 34. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | | |
| | Total | 581 | | |

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 74 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/UT | No. of FTCs functional (as on 31.03.2019) | Cases disposed off in FTCs during 2016 | Cases disposed off in FTCs during 2017 | Cases disposed off in FTCs during 2018 | Cases pending in FTCs |
|------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 21 | 1861 | 2615 | 2504 | 5364 as on 30.04.2019 |
| 2. | Assam | 03 | - | 2990 | 2314 | 2042 as on 31.05.2019 |
| 3. | Maharashtra | 77 | 30153 | 35046 | 32807 | 79436 as on 31.03.2019 |
| 4. | West Bengal & Andaman and Nicobar | 88 | 12351 | 15482 | 16358 | 46678 as on 31.05.2019 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 23 | - | 3840 | 3862 | 4989 as on 31.05.2019 |
| 6. | Manipur | 04 | 675 cases d | 311 as on 31.03.2019 | | |
| 7. | Bihar | 45 | - | 5889 | 11525 | 20092 as on 31.05.2019 |
| 8. | Delhi | 14 | 1295 | 1487 | 1559 | 4363 as on 31.03.2019 |
| 9. | Haryana | 05 | - | - | 166 | 801 as on 30.04.2019 |
| 10. | Sikkim | 02 | - | 03 | 09 | 11 as on 31.03.2019 |
| 11. | Tripura | 03 | 897 cases d | 1085 as on 31.03.2019 | | |
| 12. | Uttar Pradesh | 206 | - | years 456477 cas of during | 425442 as on 31.05.2019 | |

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.74 FOR 26.06.2019

Central Grants released to States for Fast Track Courts from 2000-01 to 2010-11 (Rs. In lakh)

| | | | Central Gr | ant release | d by Depai | rtment of Ju | stice | | |
|-----------|----------------------|--|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| SI. No | Name of the state | Released from 2000-01 to 2004-05 * | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | Grand Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2250.00 | 550.50 | 412.80 | 412.80 | 142.40 | - | 1096.00 | 4864.50 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 52.69 | 19.20 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 143.89 |
| 3 | Assam | 530.10 | 128.00 | 96.00 | 96.00 | 91.20 | 96.00 | 96.00 | 1133.30 |
| 4 | Bihar | 4766.40 | 960.30 | 720.00 | 720.00 | 720.00 | 720.00 | 720.00 | 9326.70 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 791.10 | 198.40 | 129.60 | 129.60 | 148.80 | 148.80 | 129.60 | 1675.90 |
| 6 | Goa | 125.10 | 32.00 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 19.20 | 14.40 | 24.00 | 262.70 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 3226.68 | 1062.80 | 1355.90 | 571.20 | 580.80 | - | 777.60 | 7574.98 |
| 8 | Haryana | 422.31 | 102.40 | 33.60 | 67.20 | 38.40 | 76.80 | 67.20 | 807.90 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 108.59 | 57.60 | 43.57 | 0 | 38.40 | 43.20 | 43.20 | 334.56 |
| 10 | J & K | 300.60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 300.60 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 2319.30 | 569.80 | 226.00 | 190.17 | 249.60 | 196.80 | 192.00 | 3943.67 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 2431.80 | 595.40 | 610.80 | 230.40 | 182.40 | 446.40 | 441.60 | 4938.80 |
| 13 | Kerala | 815.25 | 198.40 | 148.80 | 148.80 | 148.80 | 148.80 | 148.80 | 1757.65 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 2223.90 | 422.50 | 215.40 | 259.80 | 312.00 | 316.80 | 316.80 | 4067.20 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 4352.40 | 1197.20 | 1101.60 | 782.40 | 417.60 | 412.80 | 537.60 | 8801.60 |
| 16 | Manipur | 90.00 | 12.80 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 150.80 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 90.00 | 19.20 | 14.40 | 0 | 28.80 | - | 28.80 | 181.20 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 90.00 | 19.20 | 17.68 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 14.40 | 184.48 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 54.90 | 12.80 | 18.18 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 9.60 | 124.28 |
| 20 | Orissa | 1866.60 | 262.40 | 196.80 | 158.40 | 158.40 | 168.00 | 168.00 | 2978.60 |
| 21 | Punjab | 746.10 | 115.20 | 48.00 | 51.20 | 0 | 163.20 | 81.60 | 1205.30 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 2238.05 | 531.40 | 753.64 | 398.40 | 398.40 | 398.40 | 398.40 | 5116.69 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 29.70 | - | - | - | | =. | - | 29.70 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 1151.90 | 313.70 | 235.20 | 235.20 | 0 | 470.40 | 235.20 | 2641.60 |
| 25 | Tripura | 73.80 | 19.20 | 3.80 | 0 | 0 | 11.56 | 0 | 108.36 |
| 26 | Uttar Pradesh | 6319.80 | 288.00 | 3075.69 | 495.52 | 1161.60 | 1161.60 | 1094.40 | 13596.6 1 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | 1173.60 | 1549.80 | 216.00 | 129.60 | 0 | - | 99.62 | 3168.62 |
| 28 | West Bengal | 3972.60 | 761.80 | 571.20 | 571.20 | 571.20 | 571.20 | 571.20 | 7590.40 |
| | Total | 42613.27 | 10000.00 | 10292.66 | 5719.89 | 5456.00 | 5613.16 | 7315.62 | 87010.6 0 |

^{*}Grants released to the States from 2000-01 to 2004-2005 by Ministry of Finance

ANNEXURE-IV

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) and (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.74 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06. 2019

Funds proposed for establishment of 1800 Fast Track Courts for a period of five years (2015-2020) under Grants-in-Aid as endorsed by the $14^{\rm th}$ Finance Commission.

(Rs. in crore)

| S.No | Name of the State | No. of FTCs proposed | Funds proposed |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 47 | 108.21 |
| 2. | Telangana | 37 | 85.18 |
| 3. | Assam | 36 | 82.88 |
| 4. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 07 | 16.12 |
| 6. | Nagaland | 03 | 6.91 |
| 7. | Bihar | 147 | 338.43 |
| 8. | Chhattisgarh | 28 | 64.46 |
| 9. | Gujarat | 174 | 400.59 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 13 | 29.93 |
| 11. | Jammu & Kashmir | 21 | 48.35 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 50 | 115.11 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 95 | 218.72 |
| 14. | Kerala, Lakshadweep | 41 | 94.39 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 133 | 306.20 |
| 16. | Maharashtra, D&N, Daman | 204 | 469.67 |
| | & Diu | | |
| 17. | Goa | 05 | 11.51 |
| 18. | Manipur | 03 | 6.91 |
| 19. | Meghalaya | 04 | 9.21 |
| 20. | Orissa | 63 | 145.04 |
| 21. | Punjab | 50 | 115.11 |
| 22. | Chandigarh | 02 | 4.61 |
| | Haryana | 48 | 110.51 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 93 | 214.11 |
| 24. | Sikkim | 01 | 2.3 |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu, Puducherry | 89 | 204.91 |
| 26. | Tripura | 09 | 20.72 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 212 | 488.08 |
| 28. | Uttarakhand | 28 | 64.46 |
| 29. | West Bengal, A&N Islands | 94 | 216.42 |
| 30. | Delhi | 63 | 145.05 |
| | Total | 1800 | 4144.11 |