## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2447

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2019/ AGRAHAYANA 12, 1941 (SAKA)
SEDITION CASES

2447. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.: SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the sedition case lodged against 49 eminent citizens in the country for writing a letter to the Prime Minister expressing their concern about the mob lynching was closed by the Muzaffarpur police;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the police or the magistrate was at fault for registering an FIR in this case;
- (d) whether it is a fact that this infamous sedition law has been misused by Governments in power against the critiques of the Government; and
- (e) if so, whether the Government would consider a proposal for repealing the sedition provision in the Indian Penal Code?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (c): A case was registered u/s 124A and others provisions of IPC in Sadar Police Station, Muzaffarpur on 2/10/2019 against persons, mostly belonging to the film industry, for allegedly trying to discredit the country. After due investigation, the Police has filed a closure report in the case.
- (d): No such instance has come to notice.
- (e): In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

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