GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 257

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019/ KARTIKA 28, 1941 (SAKA)

POWER OF ARREST

257. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the different agencies of the Government given power to arrest like the Central Bureau of Investigation, like Enforcement Directorate, SFIO, Income Tax Officers, GST Officers, Registrar of Companies, etc.;
- (b) the checks and balances in each agency to prevent misuse of powers and harassment of citizens;
- (c) the number of arrests made during the last three years by these central agencies along with the conviction rate for those arrests; and
- (d) whether any study has been done on misuse of powers by these agencies, if so, the report of such a study and if not, the Government is stand on curbing misuse of power?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (b): Arrests are made by various agencies as per provisions contained in different enactments which have inbuilt safeguards.
- (c) The data in this regard is not centrally maintained.
- (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs has not conducted any such study.
