GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3862

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2020/ PHALGUNA 27, 1941 (SAKA)
VIOLENCE AGAINST DALITS

†3862. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of violence against dalits reported in the country during the last year along with the region and district-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has issued any instructions to stop the atrocities against the dalits in Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on crimes in its publication "Crime in India". Published reports are available till the year 2018. The State/Union Territory-wise data in respect of cases reported under Total Crimes against Scheduled Castes (SCs) for the year 2018 is at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibilities to maintain law and order, protection of life and property of the citizens including investigation and prosecution of crime against women and children rest

with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws.

However, the Government of India is committed to ensure protection of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (PoA Act) has been amended in 2015 to make it more effective. The amendments include new offences, expanded scope of presumptions, institutional strengthening, which inter-alia includes establishment of Exclusive Special Courts and specification of Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors to exclusively try the offences under the PoA Act to enable expeditious disposal of cases, power of Special Courts and Exclusive Special Courts to take direct cognizance of offence and as far as possible, completion of trial within two months from the date of filing of the charge sheet, establishing rights of victims and witnesses, and strengthening preventive measures. Further, Section 18 Of the PoA Act was amended by the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2018 (No. 27 of 2018) and enforced on 20.08.2018, and now conduct of a preliminary enquiry before registration of an FIR, or to seek approval of any authority prior to arrest of an accused, is no longer required. The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an advisory dated 26.09.2018 requesting all States/UTs for the implementation of these provisions in letter and spirit, which is available at www.mha.gov.in.

State/UT-wise Cases Reported (CR) under Total Crimes against Scheduled Castes during 2018

SL	State/UT	2018
		CR
1	Andhra Pradesh	1836
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3	Assam	8
4	Bihar	7061
5	Chhattisgarh	264
6	Goa	5
7	Gujarat	1426
8	Haryana	961
9	Himachal Pradesh	130
10	Jammu & Kashmir*	1
11	Jharkhand	537
12	Karnataka	1325
13	Kerala	887
14	Madhya Pradesh	4753
15	Maharashtra	1974
16	Manipur	0
17	Meghalaya	0
18	Mizoram	0
19	Nagaland	0
20	Odisha	1778
21	Punjab	168
22	Rajasthan	4607
23	Sikkim	5
24	Tamil Nadu	1413
25	Telangana	1507
26	Tripura	1
27	Uttar Pradesh	11924
28	Uttarakhand	58
29	West Bengal	119
	TOTAL STATE(S)	42748
30	A&N Islands	0
31	Chandigarh	1
32	D&N Haveli**	1
33	Daman & Diu**	0
34	Delhi	36
35	Lakshadweep	0
36	Puducherry	7
	TOTAL UT(S)	45
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	42793

Source: Crime in India
