GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4152 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022

PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES AGAINST SCs/STs

4152. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL: SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL: SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases filled under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the number of cases against which action has been taken during each of last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of cases still pending and the number of cases in which the accused have been sentenced after being found guilty during said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the atrocities against the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) are increasing; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (d): As per the report of the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, the details of State-wise cases of atrocities registered, cases chargesheeted, cases convicted and pendency of cases under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, during the year 2018 to 2020 is given at **Annexure**.

The atrocity cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 have increased in the previous years. It is mentioned that to make the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 more effective and to provide greater justice and enhanced redress to injustice suffered by the atrocity victims, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (PoA) Act, 1989, has been amended vide the SC/ST (PoA) Amendment Act, 2015 (No. 1 of 2016). The recent amendment 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 offences 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 through 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.

'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is implemented by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Government reviews with the law implementing agencies of the State Government for ensuring prompt registering of atrocities, speedy investigation of the offences and timely disposal of cases by the Courts.

Further, Government of India has issued advisories to the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time for effective implementation of the PoA Act and Rules.

State/UT-wise Cases Registered(CR), Cases Chargesheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted(CON), Cases Pending Trial at the end of the year (CPTEY) under Total of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (with & without IPC) for Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 2018-2020

	1	2018				2010				2022			
SL	State/UT	CR CCS CON CPTEY				2019				2020			
1	Andhra Pradesh	2159	-	58	3714	CR 2401	CCS	CON 40	CPTEY	CR	CCS	CON	CPTEY
	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1681	0	0	0	1121	0	4043	2268	1847	38	5283
	Assam	14	3	0	10	25	6	0	15	38	1	0	2
	Bihar	7125	6544	44	39063	6641	4869	46	43494	7462	3 5528	0	15
	Chhattisgarh	652	613	91	+	768		86				12	48882
	Goa	10	6	2	1115 23	5	700 5	0	1259 22	818	742	70	1455
	Gujarat	1737	1541	15	9151	1737	1518	12		· · · · ·	3	0	22
	Haryana	961	564	54	1134	1087	671	64	9962	1617	1456	<u> </u>	11071
	Himachal Pradesh	128		2			<u> </u>		1517	1210	632	6	2101
	Jharkhand		110		393	186	108	6	432	250	184	1	585
		760	334	32	1681	988	449	27	1785	1013	378	22	2019
	Karnataka	1643	1377	47	7962	1827	1376	29	8335	1685	1466	18	9086
	Kerala	1025	783	28	2666	998	728	16	3089	976	764	14	3573
	Madhya Pradesh	6621	6600	1041	19559	7222	6918	1378	22051	9300	9080	689	26522
	Maharashtra	2500	1958	102	8924	2708	2247	105	9684	3232	2765	51	11317
	Manipur	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	3
	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Odisha	2335	2360	11	10070	2462	3047	2	12370	2670	2663	5	14327
	Punjab	168	84	6	173	167	76	5	213	169	98	4	285
	Rajasthan	5702	3004	712	13571	8591	4026	1121	15078	8895	4246	686	17060
	Sikkim	6	5	1	6	6	4	1	8	0	0	0	6
	Tamil Nadu	1422	1229	99	4709	1175	992	95	4885	1296	982	129	5308
	Telangana	1926	1343	37	2935	2220	1539	74	3673	2532	1941	15	4717
	Tripura	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	1
_	Uttar Pradesh	11841	9782	1539	47047	11865	9982	1620	50068	12717	10492	1821	57980
	Uttarakhand	65	70	1	204	92	75	18	245	100	75	2	310
28	West Bengal	220	140	1	532	244	138	0	600	199	197	0	723
	TOTAL STATE(S)	49022	40131		174646		40606		192833	58457	45543	3587	222653
	A&N Islands	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	0
30	Chandigarh	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	3
31	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu+	4	3	0	3	2	1	0	9	1	2	0	3
32	Delhi	36	33	0	248	78	51	2	274	70	62	0	330
33	Jammu & Kashmir*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
34	Ladakh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	28	4	0	0	28	0	0	0	28
	TOTAL UT(S)	42	38	0	285	88	52	3	316	81	67	1	364
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	49064	40169	3923	174931	53515	40658	4748	193149	58538	45610	3588	223017
Sou	rce: Crime in India												
Note: A Combined data of activibile DSAL Haveli LT and Daman S. Div LT during 2019 9, 2010											<u> </u>		

Note: '+' Combined data of erstwhile D&N Haveli UT and Daman & Diu UT during 2018 & 2019

^{*&#}x27; Data of erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir State including Ladakh during 2018 & 2019