GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3144 ANSWERED ON – 09/08/2024

FAST TRACK SPECIAL COURT FOR POCSO

3144. MS. SAYANI GHOSH:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and utilized by the Government under Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) Scheme since its inception, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of FTSCs including exclusive POCSO Courts functional across the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of cases disposed by FTSCs and exclusive POCSO Courts since its inception?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c): Pursuant to the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2018, the Central Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for setting up of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive POCSO Courts since October, 2019 for expeditious trial and disposal of pending cases pertaining to Rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, in a time-bound manner.

The Scheme was initially implemented for one year, which was extended upto March, 2023. The Scheme has now been extended till 31.03.2026, at an outlay of Rs. 1952.23 cr. with Rs. 1207.24 cr. as Central Share to be incurred from Nirbhaya

Fund. The funds are released on CSS pattern (60:40, 90:10) to cover the salaries of 1 Judicial Officer along with 7 support Staff and a Flexi Grant for meeting the day-to-day expenses. Under the FTSCs Scheme, funds are released to the States/UTs on a reimbursement basis, determined by the number of functional courts in State/UT concerned. Since the inception of the scheme, year-wise funds allocated and released by the Central Government under FTSCs Scheme are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allocated	Central share of funds released		
2019-20	140.00	140.00		
2020-21	160.00	160.00		
2021-22	180.00	134.55*		
2022-23	200.00	200.00		
2023-24	200.00	200.00		
2024-25	200.00	82.78 (Till date)		
TOTAL	1080.00	917.33		

^{*}Less funds were released against Budget Allocated in 2021-22 due to COVID and States taking time to on-board the new PFMS System.

As per the information received from the High Courts up to May, 2024, 755 FTSCs including 410 exclusive POCSO (e-POCSO) Courts are functional in 30 States/UTs across the country, which have disposed of over 2,53,000 cases. The State-wise details of number of functional Fast Track Special Courts along with the number of cases disposed of as on 31.05.2024 is at **Annexure.**

Annexure as referred to in Reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3144 for 09th August, 2024

State/UT-wise details of number of functional Fast Track Special Courts along with the number of cases disposed as of May, 2024

Sl. No.	State/UT	Function	Functional Courts		Cumulative Disposal since the inception of the Scheme		
		FTSCs including exclusive POCSO	exclusive POCSO	FTSCs	exclusive POCSO	Total	
1	Andhra Pradesh	16	16	0	4899	4899	
2	Assam	17	17	0	5893	5893	
3	Bihar	46	46	0	11798	11798	
4	Chandigarh	1	0	265	0	265	
5	Chhattisgarh	15	11	924	4044	4968	
6	Delhi	16	11	555	1262	1817	
7	Goa	1	0	32	34	66	
8	Gujarat	35	24	2263	9793	12056	
9	Haryana	16	12	1572	4675	6247	
10	Himachal Pradesh	6	3	416	1126	1542	
11	J&K	4	2	91	101	192	
12	Jharkhand	22	16	2279	4537	6816	
13	Karnataka	31	17	3740	6657	10397	
14	Kerala	55	14	13530	6123	19653	
15	Madhya Pradesh	67	57	3894	22456	26350	
16	Maharashtra	14	7	7258	11530	18788	
17	Manipur	2	0	146	0	146	
18	Meghalaya	5	5	0	462	462	
19	Mizoram	3	1	148	55	203	
20	Nagaland	1	0	61	3	64	
21	Odisha	44	23	4992	9521	14513	
22	Puducherry	1	1	0	83	83	
23	Punjab	12	3	2055	2061	4116	
24	Rajasthan	45	30	4502	10138	14640	
25	Tamil Nadu	14	14	0	7225	7225	
26	Telangana	36	0	5993	2731	8724	
27	Tripura	3	1	203	186	389	
28	Uttarakhand	4	0	1614	0	1614	
29	Uttar Pradesh	218	74	34091	34998	69089	
30	West Bengal	5	5	0	106	106	
	TOTAL	755	410	90624	162497	253121	