

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Crimes against SCs, STs and Minorities

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) the details of crimes committed during the last three years against SCs, STs and Minorities, year-wise and State-wise with category-wise break-up;

(b) the rate of conviction in these crimes;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the rise in crimes against these marginalized groups; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken in the near future for bringing nil incidences of such crimes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): State/UT-wise and crime-head-wise cases registered and conviction rate under crimes against SC/ST is enclosed as Annexure-I & II. Data on crimes committed against minorities is not maintained separately by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

(c) & (d): The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been amended in 2015 to make it more effective. This Amendment has been done with the aim to deliver greater justice as well as an enhanced deterrent to the offenders against members of SCs and STs.

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PoA Act has been amended to include new offences, re-phrase existing sections, expand the scope of presumptions, institutional strengthening, establishing rights of victims and witnesses, and strengthening preventive measures.

As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of all crimes, within their jurisdiction lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued advisories which are available at www.mha.nic.in.
