

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

[High acquittal rate for cases under POCSO Act](#)

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the high acquittal rate for cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the high acquittal rate; and
- (c) the measures taken to address those issues?

ANSWER

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

(a) To (c) : As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (N.C.R.B), the data under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 has been stated since 2014. As per available information, out of 406 cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 of the trials completed by the courts during 2014, a total of 306 cases were acquitted and 100 cases were convicted. Similarly, out of 2049 cases in which trials were completed by the courts during 2015, a total of 1191 cases were acquitted and 858 cases were convicted.

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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 crime lies with the States/UT Administrations.
