**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE**

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1511**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 4th JULY, 2019**

**Pending court cases**

**1511. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

**(a) the pending court cases pertaining to heinous crimes involving senior citizens, children, women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes till June 2019, State-wise; and**

**(b) the details of such cases in Fast Track Courts established for speedy trial of cases related to crime against women?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

1. (a) : As per information available on National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), 2,23,06,834 criminal cases *including* cases pertaining to heinous crimes *involving* senior citizens, children, women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were pending till June 2019 in the District and Subordinate Courts. Details of State-wise criminal cases pending in District and Subordinate Courts are given in a Statement at ***Annexure***. National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) does not maintain data on cases pertaining to heinous crimes *involving* senior citizens, children, women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes separately.

(b) : Setting up of subordinate courts, including Fast Track Courts (FTCs) for speedy trial of cases related to crime against women, lies within the domain of the State Governments, which set up such Courts as per their need and resources, in consultation with the concerned High Courts. Government of India has enacted the ‘The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 which has, *inter-alia*, effected amendments in the Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, The Indian Evidence Act and The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and has brought in stringent provisions for expeditious trial and disposal of cases exclusively pertaining to sexual offences against women and children. Further, the Union Government had submitted a Memorandum to the 14th Finance Commission for strengthening of the judicial system in states at an estimated expenditure of Rs.9749.00 crore, which, *inter-alia*, included establishment of 1,800 Fast Track Courts for cases of heinous crimes *involving* senior citizens, women, children, including rape cases *etc*. at an estimated expenditure of Rs.4,144.00 crore. The Commission endorsed the proposal of the Government and urged the State Governments to use the additional fiscal space provided in the form of enhanced tax devolution (from 32% to 42%) to meet funding requirements for setting up the fast track courts. A total number of 581 Fast Track Courts have been functioning in the country and 6,29,785 cases were pending in these Fast Track Courts as on 31.03.2019.

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**Annexure**

**Statement referred to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1511 for reply on 04.07.2019 regarding Pending court cases**

**Details of Criminal Cases pending District and Subordinate Courts**

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| **Sr. No.** | **Name of the State / UT** | **Criminal Cases** |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 2,45,813 |
| 2. | Assam | 2,27,391 |
| 3. | Bihar | 23,32,370 |
| 4. | Chandigarh | 29,007 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 2,09,232 |
| 6. | Delhi | 6,00,094 |
| 7. | Diu and Daman | 1,079 |
| 8. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 1,695 |
| 9. | Goa | 12,719 |
| 10. | Gujarat | 12,52,187 |
| 11. | Haryana | 5,10,486 |
| 12. | Himachal Pradesh | 1,60,623 |
| 13. | Jammu and Kashmir | 97,385 |
| 14. | Jharkhand | 3,01,603 |
| 15. | Karnataka | 8,83,424 |
| 16. | Kerala | 8,71,303 |
| 17. | Madhya Pradesh | 11,10,106 |
| 18. | Maharashtra | 24,95,925 |
| 19. | Manipur | 4,233 |
| 20. | Meghalaya | 5,366 |
| 21. | Mizoram | 1,265 |
| 22. | Odisha | 9,27,643 |
| 23. | Punjab | 3,56,205 |
| 24. | Rajasthan | 11,43,359 |
| 25. | Sikkim | 786 |
| 26. | Tamilnadu | 5,02,366 |
| 27. | Telengana | 2,99,303 |
| 28. | Tripura | 15,700 |
| 29. | Uttar Pradesh | 57,48,441 |
| 30. | Uttarakhand | 1,92,991 |
| 31. | West Bengal | 17,66,734 |
| **Total** | | **2,23,06,834** |

Source: National Judicial Data Grid uploaded by District and Subordinate Courts. Data in respect of Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland are not available on the web-portal of National Judicial Data Grid.

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