GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2516**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 16th MARCH, 2018**

Setting up of more FTCs

2516. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a massive backlog of pending cases in Fast Track Courts (FTCs);

(b) whether Government is taking any measures to increase the number of FTCs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State for Law & Justice and Corporate Affairs**

**(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (d): Setting up of subordinate courts, which includes Fast Track Courts (FTCs) and their functioning, lies within the domain of the State Governments who set up such Courts, as per their need and resources, in consultation with the concerned High Courts.

The Union Government has adopted a coordinated approach to assist the judiciary for reduction in pendency of court cases. This involves upgradation of infrastructure for courts including computerization, increase in strength of judicial officers/judges etc. and emphasis on human resource development.

The Government of India had proposed setting up of 1800 FTCs with a cost of Rs.4144 crore in the Memorandum submitted to the 14th Finance Commission (14th FC) in order to dispose off cases pertaining to heinous crimes involving marginalized and vulnerable persons including women, senior citizens and children etc. The 14th FC endorsed the proposal of the Union Government and accordingly the State Governments were provided additional fiscal space in the 14th Finance Commission award with the expectation to set up Fast Track Courts in the States.