GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1976

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2020/ PHALGUNA 21, 1941 (SAKA)

SCRAPPING OF SEDITION LAW

1976.   DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of cases registered under sedition law across the country in the last five years including current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of students, workers/employees and farmers held in prison under charges of sedition;

(c) the details of conviction rate of sedition cases and the steps taken for fast trial in those cases;

(d) whether Government is mulling to scrap the sedition law which is a colonial law on the citizens of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on crimes in its publication "Crime in India". Published reports are available till the year 2018. State/Union Territory (UT) wise data relating to cases registered, cases charge sheeted, cases convicted and conviction rate etc., under the offence of sedition (section 124 A of the IPC) is placed at Annexure. Data relating to students, workers/employees and farmers separately is not maintained centrally. 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and

order, including investigation, registration/prosecution of crimes, protection of life and property etc. rest primarily with the respective State Governments concerned.

(d) to (e): Amendment of criminal law is a continuous process.

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State/UT-wise Cases Reported (CR), Cases Chargesheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted (CON), Cases in which Trials Completed (CTC), Conviction Rate (CVR), Persons Arrested (PAR), Persons Chargesheeted (PCS) and Persons Convicted (PCV) under Sedition during 2014-2016

SL	State/UT	2014								2015								2016							
		CR	CCS	CON	CTC	CVR	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	CTC	CVR	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	CTC	CVR	PAR	PCS	PCV
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	100.0	1	1	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
3	Assam	1	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
4	Bihar	16	0	0	0	-	28	0	0	9	0	0	0	-	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	1	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
8	Haryana	0	0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0.0	3	3	0	12	7	0	1	0.0	12	8	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	0	0	0	-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	1	2	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
11	Jharkhand	18	10	1	3	33.3	18	10	1	0	2	0	2	0.0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	-	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	-	1	1	0
13	Kerala	5	0	0	0	-	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	-	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	-	4	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	-	4	4	0
15	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	1	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
20	Odisha	2	2	0	0	-	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
21	Punjab	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	-	7	7	0
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
25	Telangana	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
26	Tripura	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	-	9	2	0
28	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
29	West Bengal	2	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	-	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	5	0	0
	TOTAL STATE(S)	**47**	**14**	**1**	**4**	**25.0**	**58**	**16**	**1**	**30**	**6**	**0**	**4**	**0.0**	**73**	**13**	**0**	**33**	**16**	**1**	**3**	**33.3**	**44**	**26**	**1**
30	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
34	Delhi	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	4	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**4**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	**47**	**14**	**1**	**4**	**25.0**	**58**	**16**	**1**	**30**	**6**	**0**	**4**	**0.0**	**73**	**13**	**0**	**35**	**16**	**1**	**3**	**33.3**	**48**	**26**	**1**

Source: Crime in India

Conviction Rate = (Cases convicted/Cases in which Trials completed) * 100

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SL	State/UT	2017								2018							
		CR	CCS	CON	CTC	CVR	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	CTC	CVR	PAR	PCS	PCV
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	15	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
3	Assam	19	7	0	3	0.0	21	21	0	17	11	0	10	0.0	23	15	0
4	Bihar	0	0	0	0	-	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	3	3	0
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
8	Haryana	13	9	0	1	0.0	125	123	0	1	1	1	1	100.0	1	1	1
9	Himachal Pradesh	5	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	100.0	0	0	1
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	-	2	2	0
11	Jharkhand	1	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	18	17	0	0	-	1	17	0
12	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0.0	2	2	0
13	Kerala	1	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	1	1	1	2	50.0	3	3	4	1	1	0	0	-	4	4	0
15	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
16	Manipur	0	1	0	0	-	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	-	2	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
20	Odisha	3	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
21	Punjab	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	1	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	3	1	0	0	-	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	1	1	0
25	Telangana	0	1	0	0	-	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
26	Tripura	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	0	0	-	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
28	Uttarakhand	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
29	West Bengal	1	3	0	0	-	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	1	0
	TOTAL STATE(S)	**51**	**27**	**1**	**6**	**16.7**	**228**	**160**	**4**	**69**	**38**	**2**	**13**	**15.4**	**54**	**46**	**2**
30	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
34	Delhi	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**2**	**0**	**0**
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	**51**	**27**	**1**	**6**	**16.7**	**228**	**160**	**4**	**70**	**38**	**2**	**13**	**15.4**	**56**	**46**	**2**

Source: Crime in India
Note: Clarifications are pending from West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya & Sikkim for the year 2018

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