

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2194**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022/PHALGUNA 24,1943 (SAKA)**

**LYNCHING INCIDENTS**

**2194. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:**

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

**(a) whether it is a fact that lynching is not defined as a crime under the Indian Penal Code;**

**(b) if so, whether the Government has registered several cases of lynching in the country during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the National Crimes Records Bureau (NCRB) started collecting data on mob lynching, hate crimes and cow vigilantism but the figures were not published, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(d) whether it is a fact that the Government has received any bills from various State Governments against lynching, if so, the details thereof;**

**(e) whether the Government has been delaying the review/consultation process with the bill from Rajasthan Government being under inter-ministerial consultation since 2019 and the one from Manipur since 2018, if so, the details thereof; and**

**(f) whether it is a fact that there has been a four-fold increase in hate speech incidents between 2015-2020 as recorded in the Crime in India-2020 report by the National Crimes Record Bureau?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) : Yes Sir.**

**(b): In its annual “Crime in India” report, National Crime Records bureau (NCRB) publishes crime data from all States/Union Territories under various crime heads that are defined under the Indian Penal Code and Special & Local Laws.**

**(c): In the year 2017, NCRB collected data on cases of mob-lynching, hate crimes etc, but it was observed that the data was unreliable.**

**(d) & (e): The Government has received ‘The Rajasthan Protection From Lynching Bill, 2019’ and ‘The Manipur Protection from Mob Violence Bill, 2018’. After consultation with the nodal Ministries/Departments, certain clarifications have been sought from Government of Rajasthan and Government of Manipur on 12.10.2021 and 18.11.2021 respectively.**

**(f): NCRB does not maintain data under heading ‘hate speech’.**

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