

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 458**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2022

**INCREASING VIOLENCE AGAINST STS**

458. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that violence against Scheduled Tribes has increased from 5756 in 2011 to 8272 as of 2020, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any step to address the issue;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) to (d):** The data regarding atrocities on SCs/STs are compiled and maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

Police and Public Order are state subjects under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and order, protection of life and property of the citizens, and investigation and prosecution of crime, including crime against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes rests with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of law.

Prevention of Atrocities (PoA) Act has been enacted to prohibit discrimination, prevent atrocities and hate crimes against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. It is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment reviews implementation status of the PoA Act in States and Union Territories time to time. Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) only monitors non-criminal offenses which comes under PoA, Act. MoTA has been requesting the State Governments /UTs to implement the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities ) Act 1989 amended in 2015 (01of 2016) in letter and spirit.

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