

FALSE CASES UNDER SC/ST?

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

NCRB DATA 2017(chapter seven SC/ST data)

- Crimes against SC/ST had risen by 5.5% from 2015 to reach 40,801 in 2016.
- In 2016, Uttar Pradesh (10,426 cases) reported the highest number of cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs) accounting for 25.6% of the total followed by Bihar with 14.0% (5,701 cases) and Rajasthan with 12.6% (5,134 cases) during 2016.
- So, UP, Bihar and Rajasthan have 52.2% of reported cases.

- The crime head-wise data- cases of assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty at 7.7% (3172 cases) followed by rape at 6.2% (2,541 cases).(chapter 7 of NCRB data)...

Data from NCRB chapter on SC/ST crime data.

- In the case of Scheduled Tribes, the number of cases stood at 6,827 in 2014, fell by 8.1% to reach 6,276 in 2015, and then rose by 4.7% to 6,568 in 2016.
- In the case of STs, Madhya Pradesh (1,823 cases) reported the highest number of cases of atrocities at 27.8% followed by Rajasthan with 18.2% (1,195 cases) and Odisha with 10.4% (681 cases).
- 56.4 cases reported by MP, Rajasthan and Odisha.

Data on crimes against ST women...

- In the case of STs, there were 974 rape cases which constituted 14.8% of all crime against them, followed by assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty with 12.7% (835 cases) and kidnapping and abduction with 2.5% (163 cases).

Charge sheeting and conviction rate.

- The disposal of cases by police and courts revealed that under the Act, 1989, 11,060 cases were taken up for investigation in 2016 and the charge-sheeting rate was **77%**.
- In 2016, there were **45233** cases pending trial from the previous year under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, whereas 5124 were sent for trial during the year resulting in a total of **50,357** cases during the year.
- During the year in 4546 cases, the trial was completed. While there were convictions in 701 cases, in 3845 the accused were acquitted or discharged. So the conviction rate was **15.4 %** while the pendency percentage took at **90.5%**.

Analysis of final reports submitted in 2016

- Final reports submitted by the police during the year revealed that the police had found 2150 cases to be “true but (with) insufficient evidence”, 5,347 cases to be “false”, and 869 cases to be “mistake of fact”.

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- The cases pending investigation from the previous year stood at 15498, cases reported during the year were 40801 and so the total cases for investigation were 56,299.
- Total cases sent for investigation 56,299.
- Total cases pending trial 50,357.
- 5347 cases found false by police. So cases found false by police in 2016 is about 9.49% of all cases sent for investigation.