

Fast Track Courts for sexual assault cases

714. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is allocating Rs. 2,000 crore for setting up Fast Track Courts across the country for a speedier justice delivery system particularly in sexual assault cases; and

(b) if so, the details of such allocation to each State, particularly Maharashtra and expansion of judiciary as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government has written to the State Governments as well as the Chief Justices of the High Courts for setting up of Fast Track Courts for speedy trial of cases of rape. The Government has, following the Award of 13th Finance Commission, allocated Rs. 2500 crores to States for setting up of morning/evening/holiday courts as well as special courts for handling petty cases.

Several States have reported inability to establish such courts citing various reasons. Considering this and in the aftermath of the gang rape incident in the capital, Government is exploring the possibility if the allocated funds can be utilized for establishment of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) along with the other courts. The allocation for FTCs would be met in that case from out of the funds already allocated to each State, details of which are given in the Statement.

Statement*State-wise Allocations under 13th Finance Commission Award*

Sl. No.	State	Morning/evening Courts (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	145.18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	53.15
3.	Assam	45.31
4.	Bihar	214.32
5.	Chhattisgarh	54.56

1	2	3
6.	Goa	7.68
7.	Gujarat	161.17
8.	Haryana	61.61
9.	Himachal Pradesh	19.75
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	32.61
11.	Jharkhand	82.62
12.	Karnataka	136.71
13.	Kerala	67.42
14.	Madhya Pradesh	204.91
15.	Maharashtra	297.57
16.	Manipur	5.33
17.	Meghalaya	1.57
18.	Mizoram	6.27
19.	Nagaland	4.23
20.	Orissa	83.25
21.	Punjab	54.25
22.	Rajasthan	129.34
23.	Sikkim	2.04
24.	Tamil Nadu	123.54
25.	Tripura	12.54
26.	Uttar Pradesh	340.84
27.	Uttarakhand	42.80
28.	West Bengal	109.43
ALL STATES		2500.00