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Jharkhand and Delhi in Race on Crime against Women

Home Min Presents Figures in RS in Reply to a Question from Parimal Nathwani

May 2, 2012: In accordance with the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 1,95,856; 2,03,804 and 2,13,585 cases of crime against women in the country were reported in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. The union minister of state for Home Affairs Mr. Jitendra Singh informed in Rajya Sabha today in response to a question from Mr. Parimal Nathwani.

Mr. Nathwani had asked for details of crime against women in four metros and Jharkhand State. According to the details presented in the house it appeared as if Jharkhand and Delhi city were racing with each other in the number of crime against women. The number of crimes against women in the year 2008 in Jharkhand was 3183 and 3515 in Delhi. The same in the year 2009 was 3021 in Jharkhand and 3701 in Delhi. In the year 2010, in Jharkhand 3087 crimes against women were registered, whereas in Delhi the number of such crimes registered was 3886. Among the 4 Metropolitan Cities i.e. Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, the city of Chennai had registered the least number of crimes against women.

The crimes against women included rape, kidnapping and abduction, dowry deaths, molestation, sexual harassment, cruelty by husbands and relatives, importation of girls, immoral trafficking, indecent representation of women etc. One promising fact which emerged from the figures presented in the House was that not a single crime against women under the Sati Prevention Act was registered in 4 Metropolitan Cities or Jharkhand during these years.

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The minister also informed that according to the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand several steps were taken to ensure security of women. Special Mahila Police Stations headed by Lady Police officers were established in 22 out of 24 districts of the State. Special Juvenile Police units were created in all police stations with special emphasis on girl child. A short stay home was established to provide temporary place of stay to girls and women from Jharkhand who were victims of such crimes. The minister also informed that special helpline numbers 18003456531 and 18003456526 were started in Delhi and Ranchi to help victimized women.

The Minister also stated that in accordance with the 7th Schedule, 'Police' and 'Public Order' were the State subjects under the Constitution but the Union Government too attached highest importance to the matter of prevention and control of crime against women.

