GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
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CORRUPTION IN DELHI POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken against Delhi Police personnel who were involved in corruption, rape, cheating, theft, murder etc. during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the conviction rate is very low in such cases;
- (d) if so, remedial steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the accused is punished;
- (e) whether during the last three years officers involved in corruption or having doubtful conduct have been posted on important posts such as Station House Officers and Traffic Inspectors; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 406 due for answer on 24th August, 2004.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Suitable action under the relevant provisions of law is taken against the Delhi Police personnel found to be involved in corruption and various types of crimes. Details of the Delhi Police personnel punished in departmental proceedings and the penalties imposed on them during the last three years are indicated below:

Delhi Police Personnel punished:

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Year
      ACP Insp Sub-Insp ASI H C Constable Class IV Total
2001
      1 140 452
                 163 471 1085
                                   2312
                 149 398 958 15
      - 120 333
                                   1973
2002
     - 129 374
2003
                 277 444 979 19
                                   2222
2004(upto 30th June) - 63 226 135 256 548
                                              1248
Total 1 452 1385 724 1569 3570 54 7755
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Penalties imposed:

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Year Dismissed/Forfeiture Reduction Reduction Withholding Censure Total Removed/ of Service in Rank in Pay of increment Terminated
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2001 102 258 - 78 146 1728 2312
2002 79 230 5 12 60 1587 1973
2003 77 251 - 3 85 1806 2222
2004 (upto 35 192 2 1 52 966 1248
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Total 293 931 7 94 343 6087 7755
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Details of the Delhi Police personnel proceeded against by the Anti Corruption Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Delhi Police during the last three years for their involvement in corruption and crimes are indicated below:

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S.No Year No. of No. of No. of Cases No. of cases
cases persons cases pending pending trial Cancelled/
registered involved investigation discharged/
dismissed/DE
initiated, etc.
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Anti Corruption Branch

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1
  2001
       12
          17
             1 11
  2002
       9
          15 0 9 0
          22 8 6 0
  2003
       14
              12
                  0
          1.5
  2004
       12
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Total 47 69 21 26 0

Central Bureau of Investigation

1	2001	16	41	2	10	4
2	2002	10	12	0	7	3
3	2003	13	18	4	8	1
4	2004	16	18	14	0	2

Total 55 89 20 25 10

Delhi Police

Total 298 359 270 22 6

Grand Total 400 517 311 73 16

⁽c): There has been no conviction or acquittal in any of the corruption cases registered during the last three years as most of them are either under investigation or pending trial. However, the number of conviction in corruption cases, pertaining to the period prior to 2001, decided by the Court of the Special Judge during the last three years varied from year to year as indicated below:

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2001 3 19
2002 5 11
2003 4 11
2004 (up to 30th June, 2004) 10 17
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- (d): Steps taken to ensure proper and expeditious disposal of cases include issuing instructions to Police Stations to investigate cases involving Delhi Police personnel in an impartial manner; entrusting investigation to neutral agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi; transferring investigation to other Units so as to lend credibility to investigation; and close scrutiny of every case of acquittal by the Legal Cell of Delhi Police and the Disciplinary Authority.
- (e) & (f): No, Sir. No Police officials involved in corruption or having doubtful integrity were posted as Station House Officers or Traffic Inspectors except in two cases. In one case, an Inspector of Delhi Police against whom a criminal case was pending was posted as Additional Station House Officer. In another case, an Inspector was arrested in a corruption case and was exonerated. After his exoneration, he was briefly posted as Station House Officer of a Police Station. However, both the officers were removed from their posts within a short period. In addition, consequent upon their names being included in the list of officers of doubtful integrity, 27 Inspectors of Delhi Police, posted as Station House Officers/Additional Station House Officers or Traffic Inspectors were removed from their posts and given less sensitive assignments.

Decision about posting of officers to sensitive posts like Station House Officers/Additional Station House Officers in Delhi Police is taken on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee headed by Special Commissioner of Police, which goes through the service records of the concerned officers and prepares a panel of officers found suitable for such assignments. The panel is approved by the Commissioner of Police for filling up vacancies of Stations House Officers/Additional Station House Officers. Presently no Inspector who was involved in corruption or has doubtful conduct is posted as Station House Officer or in the Traffic Unit of Delhi Police.