## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LAW AND JUSTICE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1995 ANSWERED ON:04.12.2014 CRIMES BY THE JUVENILES Kataria Shri Rattan Lal

## Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of juvenile crimes filed, disposed of and pending across the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up special courts for expeditious disposal of these cases and to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Juvenile Justice Act;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some cases of engaging children in heinous criminal crimes by certain organised criminal groups have also come to the notice of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI D. V. Sadananda Gowda)

(a): Data regarding Juvenile crimes registered and pending in the courts is not maintained. However, as per the reports published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of juveniles arrested and sent to courts and pending disposal during the last three years is given below. No data is available for the current year.

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(b)to(e): There is no proposal to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC) to expedite the disposal of the crimes committed by the juveniles, as juveniles are tried under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and not under the IPC. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014, to repeal and re-enact the existing JJ Act, 2000 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 12th August, 2014 with special provisions to address serious and heinous criminal acts committed by children above the age of 16 years.