

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW AND JUSTICE  
LOK SABHA**

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Special Courts for Crimes Against Children  
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**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of special courts set up so far under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, to deal with crimes against children, State/UT-wise ;
- (b) the number of cases disposed of in these courts during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of cases lying pending as on date, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to set up more such courts for speedy disposal of such cases?

**Answer**

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE  
(SHRI D.V. Sadananda Gowda )

(a) to (c): Section 28(1) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 provides that for the purposes of providing a speedy trial, the State Government shall in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court, by notification in the Official Gazette, designate for each district, a Court of Session to be a Special Court to try the offences under the Act provided that if a Court of Session is notified as a Children's Court under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 or a Special Court designated for similar purposes under any other law for the time being in force, then, such court shall be deemed to be a Special Court under this section. As per these provisions, it is for the State Government to designate the Special Courts. Information on the number of Courts so designated or the number of cases disposed of and pending in these Courts is not maintained Centrally. However, as per the reports published by National Crime Records Bureau, the cases reported and conviction rate in respect of crimes against children during the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 are as under:

Crime against children

Year Number of cases reported Conviction rate

1 2 3

2013 58224 30.9

2012 38172 29.0

2011 33098 34.6