

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Alleged atrocities against Christians.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the growing incidents of atrocities against Christians in the country. As per reports, there were 217 cases of atrocities against Christians reported in various States of the country last year alone. These cases include the destruction of churches, shrines, crosses and other Christian symbols, burning of the Holy Bible, attacks on priests, nuns, pastors, and faithful etc. Among these incidents, attack on Carol singers in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh on 14 December 2017 has already drawn the national attention. However, it is learnt that the only 23 cases were registered out of these 217 incidents. The reluctance on the part of the police authorities to register the cases and conduct proper investigations helps the culprits roaming scot-free. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly take necessary action in this regard, so that the minorities in the country can live in peace and security without any discrimination.