

Crime Head	Year	Reported
Other Thefts . . .	1975	16969
	1976	13284
	1977	21678
	1978	25268
	1979	25737
Other IPC . . .	1975	8469
	1976	7693
	1977	10302
	1978	12831
	1979	13456

Improvement in Law and Order Situation

*52. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHI:
SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent law and order situation has improved since the new Government took over; and

(b) whether he has called the conference of Chief Ministers of States to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ZAIL SINGH):

(a) The new Government has been in position for just 16 days and it is too early to expect, in so short a period, any remarkable improvement in the law and order situation which had greatly deteriorated.

(b) It is proposed to hold a Conference of the Chief Ministers of States on the subject.

Dowry Deaths in Delhi

*53. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to lay a statement showing:—

(a) the number of cases reported and registered in the Capital where young married ladies were killed or compelled to commit suicide due to dowry demanded during the last two years;

(b) the number of cases where the culprits have been punished; and

(c) the number of cases where (i) action has so far been taken and (ii) the police have not yet investigated or filed the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) 3 cases in 1978 and 9 cases in 1979 were reported to the Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) Action by the Police has been taken in all the 12 cases. 4 cases are under trial in the courts and 6 are under investigation. 20 persons have been arrested in these 10 cases. The remaining 2 cases are also under investigation but no arrests have been made so far.

Disturbances in Assam and adjoining Areas

*55. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the movement of essential com-