

Chapter – 21

Offences against the State

Introduction

All crimes are treated as offences against the State, or government, insofar as these acts/actions disturb the public tranquility, national integration and public order. But there are some criminal activities that are directed against the existence of the state itself viz. treason, sedition and rebellion. Thus cases reported under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, 124A, 153A and 153B of Indian Penal Code (IPC) have been categorized as '**Offences against the State**'. As these offences are detrimental to State security and it disturbs tranquility in the society and prejudicial to national integration.

Total Offences against the State

A total of 571 cases of offences against the State (under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, 124A, 153A and 153B of IPC) were registered during 2015, showing an increase of 11.5% over previous year 2014 (512 cases) [Table-21.1].

Relatively high number of such cases were registered in Uttar Pradesh (60 cases) followed by Telangana (54 cases), Andhra Pradesh (50 cases), Karnataka (49 cases), Kerala (45 cases) and Tamil Nadu (41 cases) during 2015.

A total of 1,179 persons (consisting of 1,154 male and 25 female) were arrested in connection with such offences committed against State during 2015. Maximum number of persons arrested under such offences were reported in Maharashtra, accounting for 19.7% (232 out of 1,179 persons) of total such arrests followed by Uttar Pradesh (155 persons) and Karnataka (128 persons) during 2015 [Table-21.1].

Offences against the State (under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123 & 124-A IPC)

A total of 147 cases of offences against the

State (under section 121, 121A, 122, 123 & 124A IPC) were registered during 2015, showing a decrease of 16.4% over 2014 (76 cases). Majority of such cases during 2015 were reported in Assam (22 cases) followed by Meghalaya (20 cases), Bihar (17 cases), Jammu & Kashmir (16 cases) and Odisha (14 cases) during 2015.

Out of 147 such cases, 30 cases were registered under sedition (section 124A IPC) during 2015. Bihar and West Bengal have reported 9 cases and 4 cases of sedition respectively, these two States together accounted for 43.3% of total sedition cases during 2015. 3 cases each of sedition in Haryana, Karnataka & Kerala, 2 such cases in Gujarat and 1 case each in Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan & Telangana were also registered during 2015.

A total of 117 cases were reported under the offences of waging war or attempting/conspiring to wage war or collecting arms for this purpose etc. (under section 121, 121A, 122 & 123 of IPC), majority of such cases were registered in Assam (22 cases) followed by Meghalaya (20 cases) Jammu & Kashmir (15 cases) and Odisha (14 cases), these four States together accounted for 60.7% of total such cases in the country during 2015.

238 persons, consisting of 237 male and 1 female, were arrested under offences against the State (under section 121, 121A, 122, 123 & 124A IPC) during 2015. Maximum number of persons under these offences were arrested in West Bengal (53 persons) followed by Bihar (50 persons) during 2015.

A total of 73 male persons were arrested for the offences of sedition during 2015. Maximum number of arrests under the offence were reported in Bihar (40 persons) followed by Punjab (10 persons) and Rajasthan (9 persons) during 2015.

A total of 165 persons (consisting of 164 male and 1 female) under the offences of

waging war or attempting/conspiring to wage war or collecting arms for this purpose etc. (under section 121, 121A, 122 & 123 IPC) were arrested during 2015. Maximum number of arrests under such offences were made in West Bengal (50 persons) followed by 27 persons arrested each in Assam and Meghalaya during 2015.

Offences Promoting Enmity Between Different Groups (Sec.153A & 153B IPC)

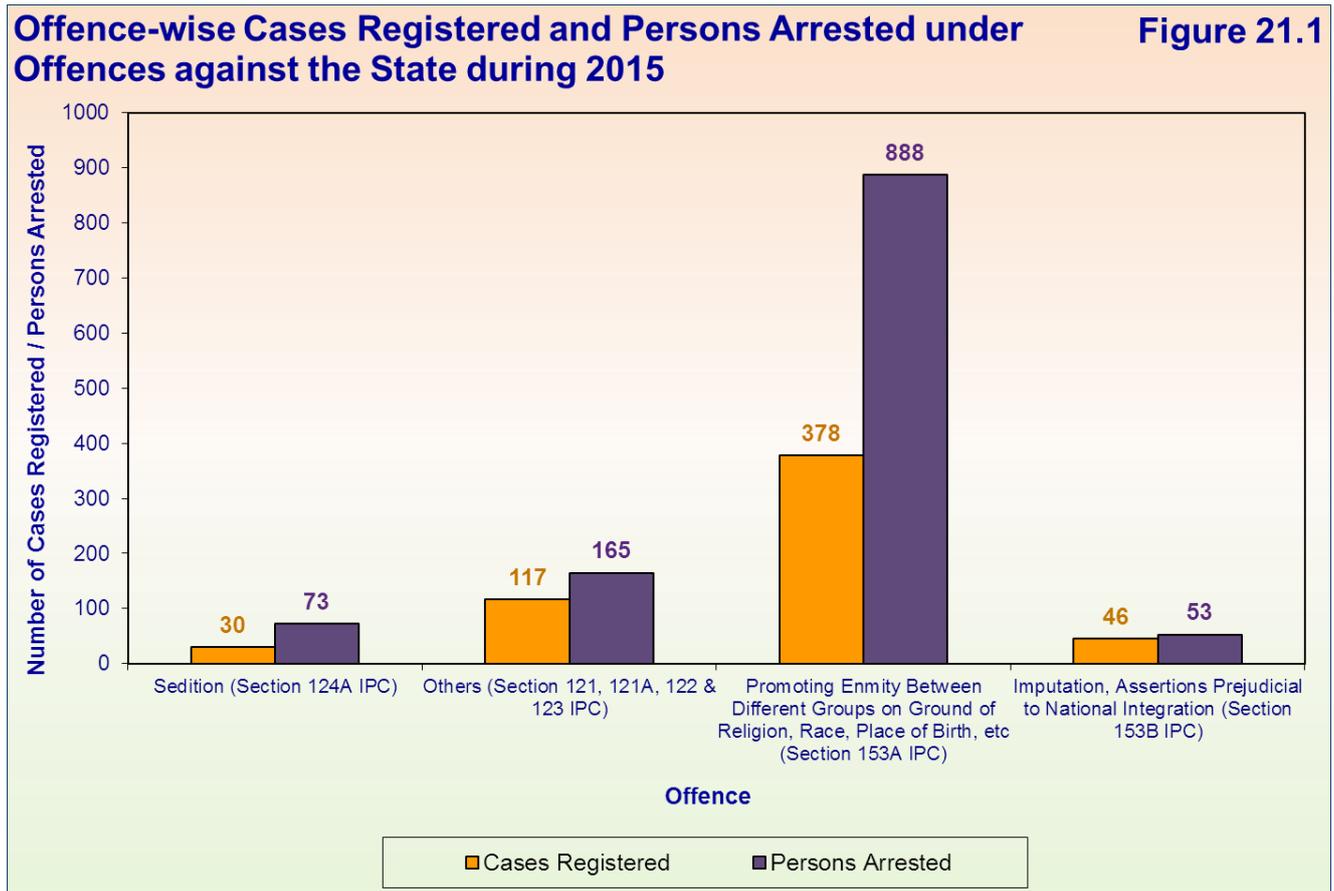
A total of 424 cases under offences of promoting enmity between different groups (under section 153A & 153B IPC) were registered during 2015, showing a decline of 26.2% during the year over the previous year 2014(336 cases).

Majority of cases of offences promoting enmity between different groups (under section 153A & 153B IPC) were registered in Uttar Pradesh followed by Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Maharashtra, these States have reported 60 cases, 53 cases, 49 cases, 46 cases, 41 cases, 36 cases and 35 cases respectively.

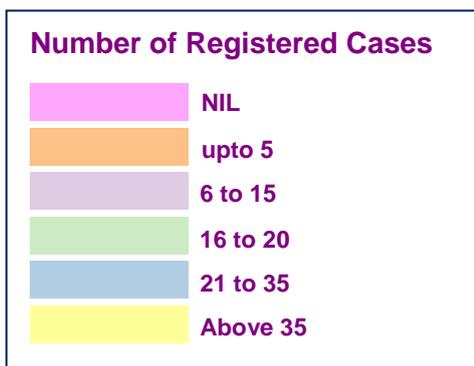
A total of 378 cases were registered under offences of promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth etc. (under section 153A IPC) during 2015. Majority of such cases were reported in Telangana (52 cases) followed by Uttar Pradesh (51 cases), Karnataka (46 cases), Tamil Nadu (41 cases), Maharashtra (34 cases), Kerala (33 cases) and Andhra Pradesh (26 cases) during 2015.

A total of 46 cases were registered under the offence of imputation, assertions prejudicial to national integration (under section 153B IPC). Majority of such cases were reported in Andhra Pradesh (23 cases) followed by Uttar Pradesh (9 cases), Kerala & West Bengal (3 cases each) and Madhya Pradesh (2 cases), these five States together accounted for 87.0% of total such offences during 2015.

A total of 941 persons, consisting of 917 male and 24 female, were arrested under offence of promoting enmity between different groups (under section 153A & 153B IPC) during 2015.



CASES REGISTERED UNDER OFFENCES AGAINST STATE (IPC) DURING 2015 (All India 571)



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Maximum number of persons under these offences were arrested in Maharashtra (232 out of 941 persons) followed by Uttar Pradesh (155 persons), Karnataka (124 persons), Andhra Pradesh (80 persons), Kerala (66 persons), Rajasthan (56 persons) and Tamil Nadu (53 persons) during 2015.

Under offences of promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth etc. (under section 153A IPC), 888 persons were arrested during 2015. Maximum number of persons under these offences were arrested in Maharashtra (229 out of 888 persons) followed by Uttar Pradesh (143 persons), Karnataka (124 persons), Andhra Pradesh (68 persons), Kerala (61

persons) and Rajasthan (56 persons) during 2015.

Under the offence of imputation, assertions prejudicial to national integration (under section 153B IPC), 53 persons were arrested during the year 2015. A total of 15 persons in Madhya Pradesh, 12 persons each in Andhra Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh, 5 persons in Kerala, 3 persons in West Bengal and 2 persons in Haryana were arrested under offence of imputation, assertions prejudicial to national integration (under section 153B IPC) during 2015.

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