

## **METHODOLOGY OF DATA COLLECTION AND CONTENT FORMATION**

The Bureau brings out its annual report entitled 'Finger Prints in India', which is a collection of statistical data on the performance and activities of States/UTs Finger Print Bureaux, CFPB, and other information related to Finger Prints. The process of publication of the annual report i.e. 'Finger Prints in India' consists of the following steps:

- i)** In the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January, 2021, a letter was sent to all the Finger Print Bureaux requesting to furnish the information about their activities in the standard Annual Statistics Report (ASR) form. It had the following details:
  - a)** Number of convicted persons' finger prints maintained at the State Fingerprint Bureau during the beginning of the year, number of FP slips added in the year under consideration, FP slips received but returned back to police station due to errors, number of FP slips digitized and entered into AFIS, number of FP slips eliminated.
  - b)** Similar type of information is received in respect of arrested persons.
  - c)** Number of FP cases received at Finger Print Bureau seeking previous criminal history, number of cases traced pendency at Finger Print Bureau.
  - d)** Record of convicts such as who prepared FP slips, method of preparation of FP slips, governing rules, dispatch of slips.
  - e)** Category of offences for which Finger Prints obtained in the State Finger Print Bureau.
  - f)** Single Digit Section, Scene of Crime details, Documents Section (Govt. and others), Absconder Action/Death Reports.
  - g)** AFIS details regarding its connectivity and functionality status in SFPBx along with availability of FP Live Scanner.
  - h)** Details of training courses being run, its faculty strength and cross-section of officials attending it from police and non-police background.
  - i)** Organizational structure of existing FPBx of States/UTs including sanctioned strength, actual strength, vacancies and DFPB as well as source of allotment of funds to them.
  - j)** Summary on the milestones achieved by the Bureaux of States/UTs and suggestions for future developments.
  - k)** Information in connection with the crime data related to finger prints by categorizing into various crime heads such as; Murder (Section 302), culpable homicide not amounting to Murder (Section 304), Causing death

by Negligence (Section 304-A), Dowry deaths (Section 304-B), Abetment to suicide (Section 305/306), Attempt to Murder (Section 307) & Culpable Homicide (Section 308), Grievous Hurt (Section 325,326), Acid Attack (Section 326A, 326B). Assault on Women (Section 354,354A, B,C,D), Kidnapping & Abduction (Section 363,363A,364,364A,366A, B& Section 365 to 369) Human Trafficking (Section 370, 370A,372,373), Rape (Section 376) etc.

- l)** Information on finger print (Record and Search) slips about Foreign Nationals committing crime in India and also about Indians involved in crime abroad.
  - m)** Information about R&D activities taking place in the SFPBx.
  - n)** Chance Print (Scene of Crime) details describing a clear picture of chance print comparison happening in SFPBx and in districts. The table has a column to specify Chance Prints lifted by Finger Print staff, police personnel or other staff.
  - o)** Provision is made to furnish judgment details regarding important cases solved by SFPB.
  - p)** Information about finger print equipments available at state FPB or subordinate offices.
  - q)** Information on vehicles available for finger print work at state, district and police station levels is also introduced.
- ii)** Received information from various Units was compared with the previous year information. Observed abnormalities were communicated to the respective Unit with a request to reconfirm/rectify.
  - iii)** Based on the reconfirmed data, this publication is prepared.
  - iv)** In chapter IV, analytical and graphical representations of transactional details of the states have also been presented for ease of comprehension and comparison.

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