

Chapter - 20

Crime against Senior Citizens

Introduction

Senior citizens are most vulnerable to be victim of any crime, since they are soft targets. The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 define senior citizens as the Indian citizens who have attained the age of 60 years or above. As per the Population Census 2011, population of elderly persons or senior citizens was nearly 1,024.6 lakhs. Since 2014, the Bureau is collecting and publishing data on crimes against senior citizens in order to analyze the trend and patterns on reporting of crimes directed towards this vulnerable group. Data on crimes committed on senior citizens registered under different sections of IPC have been collected and presented in this chapter.

Crime against Senior Citizens

(Incidence: 20,532 Rate 20.0)

A total of 20,532 cases of IPC crimes against senior citizens were registered during 2015, showing an increase of 9.7% during the year over previous year 2014 (18,714 cases). Out of 20,532 IPC crimes under crime against senior citizens, maximum cases were registered under cheating (1,867 cases) followed by robbery (1,294 cases), murder (1,053 cases) and grievous hurt (949 cases), contributing 9.1%, 6.3%, 5.1% and 4.6% of total such crimes during 2015 respectively.

State/UT-wise trends reveal that maximum cases of crime against senior citizens were registered in Maharashtra followed by Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu accounting for 22.2% (4,561 cases), 16.8% (3,456 cases), 12.1% (2,495 cases) and 9.5% (1,947 cases) of total such cases (20,532 cases) respectively during 2015.

A total of 23,615 persons (consisting of 22,252 male and 1,363 female) were arrested under crimes against senior citizens during 2015. Majority of persons arrested for crimes against senior citizens were reported from Madhya Pradesh (5,739) followed by Maharashtra (5,062), Tamil Nadu (2,492), Andhra Pradesh (2,283), Chhattisgarh (1,397)

and Uttar Pradesh (966) during 2015.

Crime rate of 20.0 was reported at all India level during 2015. Delhi has reported the maximum rate of such crime with 108.8 crime rate followed by Madhya Pradesh (60.5), Chhattisgarh (53.7), Andhra Pradesh (51.6), A & N Islands (47.2), Telangana (44.1) and Maharashtra (41.1).

Trend of Major Crimes against Senior Citizens

Murder

(Incidence: 1,053 Rate 1.0)

A total of 1,053 cases of murder of senior citizens were registered during 2015. Most of such cases were registered in Maharashtra (167 cases), Tamil Nadu (162 cases), Uttar Pradesh (151 cases) and Madhya Pradesh (106 cases), these States together accounted for 55.6% (586 cases out of 1,053 cases) of total such cases during 2015.

Out of 1,871 persons arrested for murder of elderly people in the country, maximum number of arrested persons were reported in Uttar Pradesh (449) followed by Maharashtra (258), Tamil Nadu (246) and Madhya Pradesh (214).

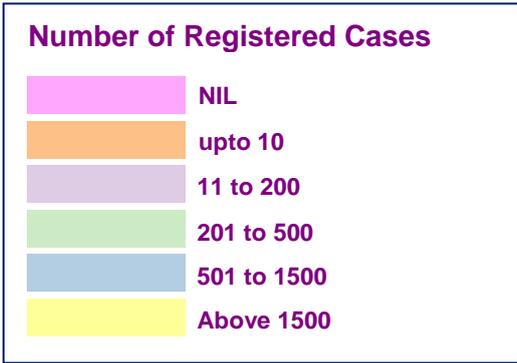
Attempt to Commit Murder

(Incidence: 456 Rate 0.4)

A total of 456 cases of attempt to commit murder of senior citizens were registered during 2015. Most of such cases were reported in Bihar (94 cases), Tamil Nadu (71 cases) and Maharashtra (62 cases), these States together accounted for 49.8% (227 cases out of 456 cases) of total cases of attempt to commit murder during 2015.

Out of 736 persons arrested for attempt to commit murder of elderly people, maximum arrested persons were reported from Maharashtra (146 persons) followed by Bihar (110 persons) and Tamil Nadu (100 persons) during 2015.

CASES REGISTERED UNDER CRIME AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS DURING 2015 (All India 20,532)



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Grievous Hurt

(Incidence: 949; Rate 0.9)

A total of 949 cases of grievous hurt of elderly people were registered during 2015. Majority of these cases were registered in Maharashtra (369 cases) and Madhya Pradesh (150 cases), these two States together accounted for 54.7% (519 cases out of 949 cases) of total such cases during 2015.

Arrests of 1,509 persons for causing grievous hurt to elderly people were made in the country during 2015. Maximum number of persons arrested for such crime were reported from Maharashtra (594) and Madhya Pradesh (284).

Cheating

(Incidence: 1,867 Rate 1.8)

A total of 1,867 cases of cheating where victims were senior citizens, have been registered during 2015. High number of such cases were registered in Maharashtra (627 cases) followed by Telangana (240 cases), Andhra Pradesh (197 cases) and Tamil Nadu (192 cases), these four States together accounted for 67.3% (1,256 cases out of 1,867 cases) of total such cheating cases during 2015.

A total of 1,288 persons were arrested for cheating under crime against elderly persons in the country during 2015. Maximum persons arrested for such crime were reported in Maharashtra (367) followed by Tamil Nadu (168) and Andhra Pradesh (125).

Robbery

(Incidence: 1,294 Rate 1.3)

A total of 1,294 cases of robbery under crime against senior citizens were registered in the country during 2015. Majority of such cases were registered in Maharashtra (718 cases) followed by Delhi UT (145 cases) and Karnataka (118), these three States together accounted for 75.8% (981 cases out of 1,294 cases) of total such cases during 2015.

A total of 1,136 persons were arrested for such crime in the country during 2015. Maximum number of persons arrested for such crime was reported from Maharashtra (604) followed by Karnataka (102).

Dacoity

(Incidence: 47 Rate Negligible)

A total of 47 cases of dacoity under crime against senior citizens were registered in the country during 2015, showing an increase of 17.5% during 2015 over 2014 (40 cases). Majority of such cases were registered in Maharashtra (27 cases) accounting for 57.4% of total such cases reported in the country during 2015.

Extortion

(Incidence: 94 Rate 0.1)

94 cases of extortion under crime against senior citizens were registered in the country during 2015, showing an increase of 248.1% during 2015 over 2014 (27 cases). High number of such cases were reported in Andhra Pradesh (28 cases) followed by Maharashtra (19 cases) and Telangana (12 cases) during 2015.

Disposal of IPC Cases under Crime against Senior Citizens during 2015

Table 20(A)

Sl. No.	Disposal Status	Cases Registered	Persons Arrested
1	Reported/Arrested	20,532	23,615
2	Charge-sheets Submitted	13,880	21,401
3	Convicted	1,649	2,343
4	Acquitted/Discharged	2,709	4,172

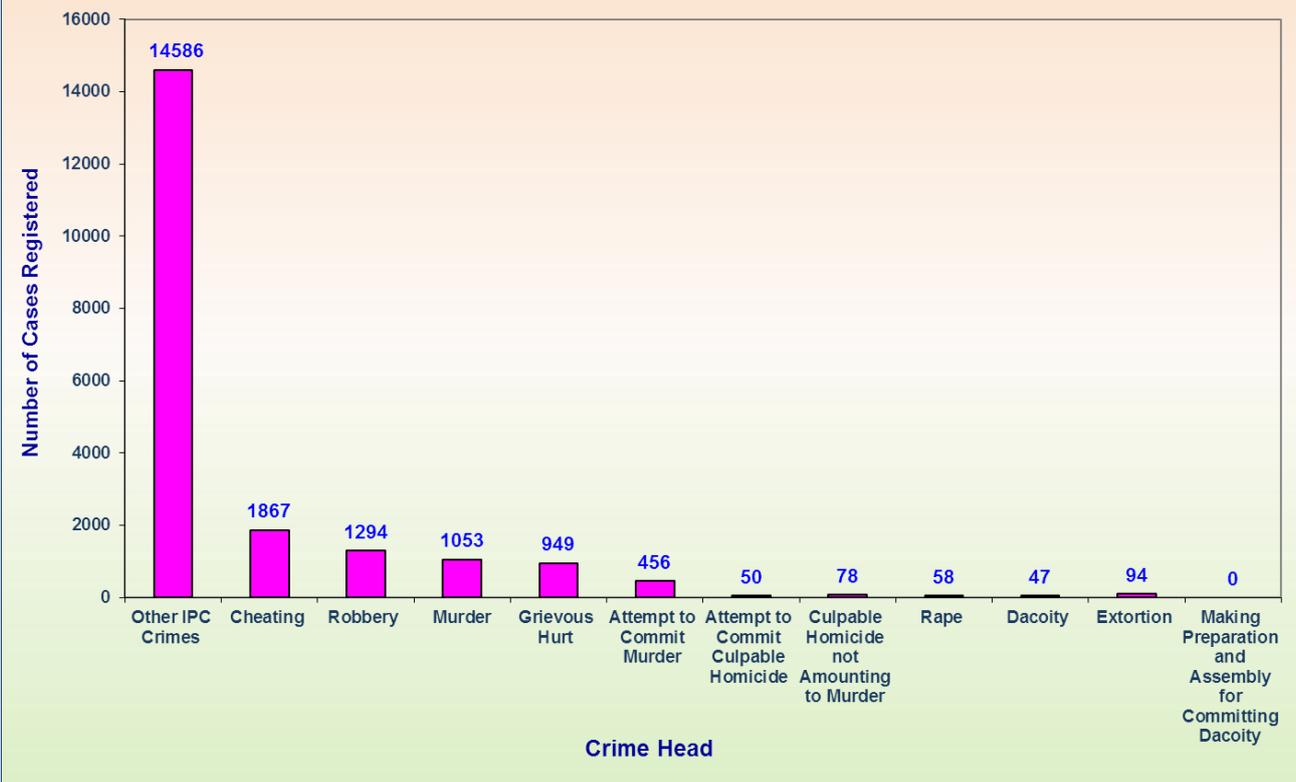
Disposal during the year may include cases of previous year pending disposal

Disposal of cases and persons arrested in connection with crime against senior citizens have been presented in **Table-20(A)**. Charge-sheets were submitted in 13,880 cases under crimes against elderly persons during 2015. 1,649 cases ended in conviction and 2,709 cases ended in acquittal/discharge.

Charge-sheets were submitted against 21,401 persons under crimes against elderly during 2015. Trials in respect of 2,343 persons ended in conviction and in respect of 4,172 persons ended in acquittal or discharge .

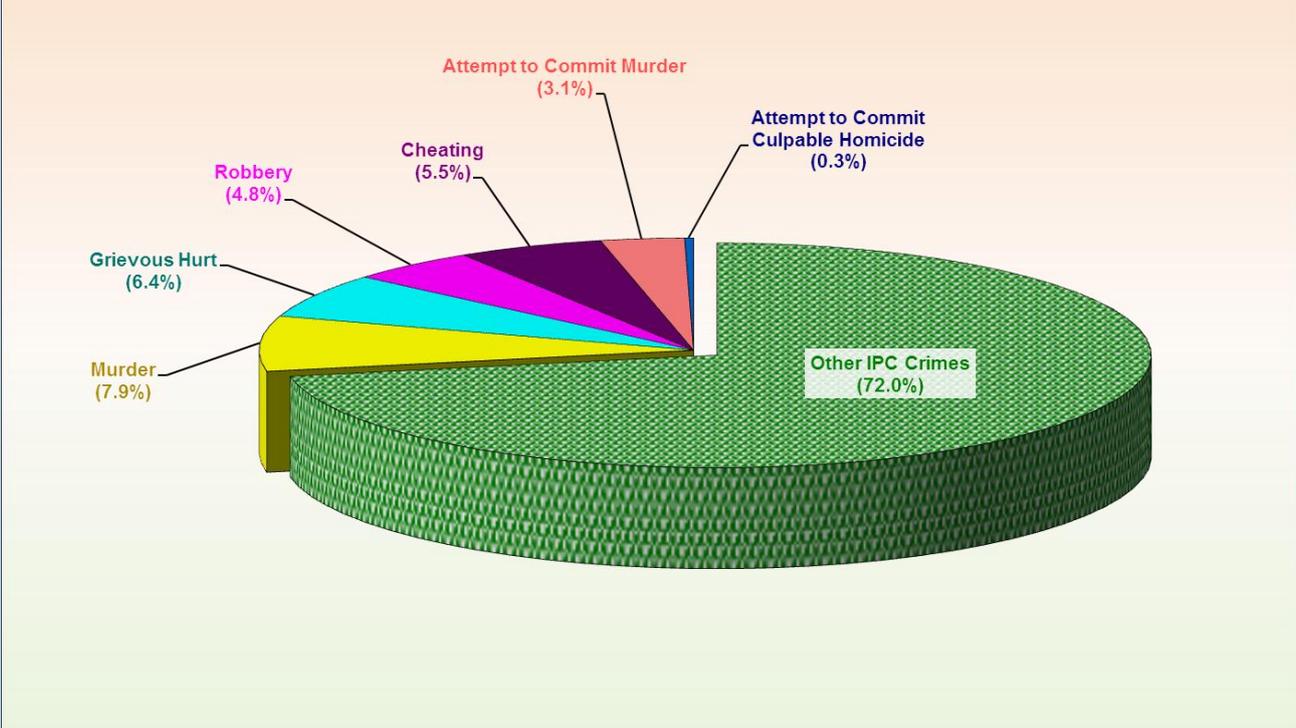
Offence-wise Cases Registered under Crimes Against Senior Citizens During 2015

Figure 20.1



Persons Arrested for Committing Crimes against Senior Citizens during 2015

Figure 20.2



The crime heads Dacoity, C.H. not amounting to murder, Rape, Extortion and Making preparation and assembly for dacoity related to crime committed against senior citizens have been combined with Other Crime against senior citizens