Chapter - 4

DISTRIBUTION OF CONVICTS AND UNDERTRIALS
UNDER VARIOUS CRIME HEADS

CONVICTS

IPC Crimes

The information regarding 5063 prisoners from Utar Pradesh convicted under various IPC crime, Special and Local Laws (SLL) and Civil cases is not available. The information available from other States and UTs indicate that of the 48,490 convicts under various IPC crimes, 29,475 were Murder convicts in the country which accounted to 60.8% of the total convicts. Madhya Pradesh (10,952) reported highest number of convicts in the country which alone accounted 22.6% of total convicts in the country. The number of convicts in other IPC offences were on low side as compared to Murder convicts. The other heads in which significant convicts were sentenced under Attempt to Murder (3591) followed by Theft (2775) and Rape (2512). Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh had highest share of 22.5% and 31.0% convicts to total convicts in the country for Attempt to Murder and Rape respectively. The lowest convicts were under Counterfeiting having a share of 0.1% of total convicts. The relevant details may be seen in Table 20.

Special and Local Laws (SLL)

A total of 10,287 convicts were lodged in various jails of the country for committing offences under Special and Local Laws. The highest Convicts (24.9%) were under NDPS Act followed by Indian Railway Act (11.8%), Arms Act (8.1%), Dowry Prohibition Act (7.4%), Excise Act (7.2%) and Prohibition Act (6.6%). Madhya Pradesh reported highest 468 convicts under NDPS Act followed by Rajasthan (373). Of the 831 convicts undergoing sentences under Arms Act in the country, 227 were reported from Bihar accounting to 27.3 percent of total convicts. The highest convicts 27.8% convicted under Railways Act were reported from Maharashtra. Maharashtra also reported highest 49.9% 70.3% & 73.7% convicts under Prohibition Act, Essential Commodities Act and Prevention of Corruption Act. The lowest 0.08% of total convicts were undergoing sentences under Protection of Civil Rights Act.
UNDERTRIALS

IPC Crimes

The crime headwise details of 44,121 undertrials kept in various prisons of Uttar Pradesh committing IPC offences and SLL crimes, are not available. A total of 1,10,407 undertrials from other States and UTs were kept in jails for committing IPC offences. Of these, 35,947 persons were undertrials for committing Murder which accounted to the highest share of 32.6% of total undertrials. The highest 7226 undertrials for Murder were reported from Bihar followed by Madhya Pradesh 4454 which taken together accounted for 32.6 percent of the total undertrials for Murder in the country. Attempt to Murder and Thefts were two other IPC crimes which had considerable number of undertrials in jails at 15036 and 13337 respectively. Bihar had the highest share of 35.2% of total undertrials for Attempt to Murder. Counterfeiting had the lowest share (0.1%) of undertrials.

Special & Local Laws (SLL)

A total of 38,627 persons were detained as undertrials in various prisons of the country booked under Special and Local Act against 1,10,407 undertrials accused of committing IPC crimes. Thus the number of undertrials under SLL were only about one third of undertrials under IPC offences. The highest number of undertrials (8390) were under Arms Act which worked out to be 21.7% of the total undertrials under SLL. This was followed by NDPS (15.3%) and Excise Act (10%). Bihar reported highest 4967 undertrials under Arms Act.. The highest undertrials under NDPS Act were reported from Madhya Pradesh (921) and the share of such undertrials was 15.6 percent from Madhya Pradesh alone. However, the percentage share of undertrials charged under each of Protection of Civil Rights Act, Official Secret Act and Conservation of Foreign Exchange & Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act and Antiquity & Art Treasury Act was insignificant which was about 0.1% only.