# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# **RAJYA SABHA** UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. **1386**

#### TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 28th JULY, 2022

#### **Setting up of Fast Track Courts**

#### **1386. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal:**

Will the Minister of Law and Justice be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fast track courts which have been set up in the State of Punjab in the last five years;

(b) whether funds are not being released for the proper operation of fast track court along with the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the amount of funds released for the said purpose to Punjab during the last three years ?

### ANSWER MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): The details of Fast Track Courts(FTC) which have been set up in the State of Punjab in the last five years is given at Annexure.

(b)&(c): Setting up of FTC and allocation of funds lies within the domain of the State Governments which sets up such courts as per their need and resources, in consultation with the respective High Courts. The 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (FC) had recommended the setting up of total 1800 FTCs during 2015-2020 for trial of

specific cases of heinous nature, civil cases related to women, children, senior citizen, disabled, persons infected with terminal ailments etc and property related cases pending for more than 5 years. The FC had further urged State Governments to utilize enhanced fiscal space available through tax devolution (32% to 42%) for this purpose. Further the Union Government has also urged the State Governments to allocate funds for the setting up of FTC, from the financial year 2015-16 onward.

#### ANNEXURE

# Annexure given in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1386

# Status of functional Fast Track Courts (FTCs) in the State of Punjab during last five years

# (As on May, 2022)

| Functional | Functional | Functional | Functional | Functional |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FTCs as on |
| 31.12.2018 | 31.12.2019 | 31.12.2020 | 31.12.2021 | 31.05.2022 |
| 0          | 0          | 07         | 07         | 07         |