

## **It may take 30 years to clear all pending cases in Mumbai: Praja report**

The judgement against more than 90 per cent of POSCO cases is pending in the city, as per the data by the Praja Foundation.

One of the major critiques of Indian Jurisprudence is the astronomically high number of pending cases before the judiciary. While one might think that this would only be in the case of non-metro and tier 2 or tier 3 cities, the situation is similar for many of the metropolitan cities as well.

According to a Non-Profit Government Organisation, Praja Foundation, the number of cases pending before Mumbai court as on 2020, could take up to 30 years to be resolved, that too, if no cases go up for trial.

As per the report published by the Times of India (TOI), the majority of these pending cases, almost 98% are for crimes against women. The method used for arriving at the number of years required to resolve the pending cases was the average number of judgements passed and withdrawn in the past 5 years. "High pendency of trials and low conviction rates for serious crimes could end up creating havoc in society," said Nitai Mehta, (Trustee) Praja Foundation, while commenting upon the report and its findings.

Pointing out the reason for the piling up of such a large number of cases, the report reveals a massive shortage of personnel in the police department, the forensics department, public prosecutors and judges in the sessions court.

"All the posts of scientific officers in the forensics department are vacant. It is absurd that these posts haven't been filled yet," added the trustee, as per TOI.

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