

Praja Foundation: 85% accused in murder, rape, kidnapping cases 'innocent' – 85% accused of murder, kidnapping and rape cases either discharged or acquitted praja foundation report

Highlights:

- In front of the information from the report of 'Praja'
- Lack of officers, delay in investigation
- However, there has been a decline in crime during the Coronation period

Mumbai: Eighty-five per cent of the accused in the Mumbai Sessions Courts have been acquitted of serious offenses like murder, rape and kidnapping. This information has come to light from the report released till 2020 by Praja Foundation. Lack of investigating officers, consequent delays in investigation, untimely testimony of witnesses, delay in forensic report are the major reasons behind this. [Corona](#) and the resulting lockdown, however, have reduced crime by about 38 percent.

The report of 'Praja Foundation' for the year 2019-20, which sheds light on law and order in Mumbai as well as crime and their investigation, was released on Wednesday. The report examines crime, accused and police in detail. According to the Praja report, 85 per cent of the accused in serious crimes have been acquitted in the Mumbai Sessions Courts by 2020. The main reason for this is the lack of investigating officers as compared to the population and crime in Mumbai, the report said. In the Mumbai Police Force, 18 per cent and 20 per cent of the sanctioned posts of Sub-Inspector and Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police are vacant respectively. This has an effect on the investigation of crimes. Since many crimes are being investigated by a single officer, they are not properly investigated. Reports are not received on time due to shortage of staff in forensic labs. This delays the filing of chargesheet by the police. Since [it](#) takes a long time, the witnesses also testify and as a result the accused are acquitted.

28% of Pokso cases without hearing

Cases filed under the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Act (POXO) should be heard within a year from the date of the incident. However, 28 per cent of the cases filed under the Pokso Act by 2020 have not been heard in a special Pokso court. In 2018, 49 per cent, in 2019, 48 per cent, and in 2020, 45 per cent of the cases have been settled for one to three years.

Statistics showing crime and investigation

Year 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Crimes Under Investigation 14,992 19,946 23,400 24,587 22,906

Chargesheet filed 4,682 6,822 7,482 7,728 4,789

Chargesheet Percentage 31 34 32 31 21

8,736 12,045 14,330 15,018 16,713 pending investigation

Pending cases

Year 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Total Cases 59,587 67,525 71,839 76,298 77,899

Disposal cases 2,069 3,168 3,269 3,188 1,058

Pending cases 57,518 64,357 68,570 73,110 76,841

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