GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 278

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 3-2-2021

Fast Track Courts

278. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fast track courts have been established in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c)whether the required funds are not being released for smooth operation of the fast track courts and the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds released to Bihar for the above mentioned task during the last four years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to(d):Setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) and its functioning falls within the domain of the State Governments in consultation with the respective High Courts. As per information obtained from the Patna High Court, at present, 33 FTCs are functional in the State of Bihar. The

14thFinance Commission had urged all State Governments to utilize the enhanced fiscal space available through tax devolution (32% to 42%) to meet the financial requirement of the FTCs. The details of funds releasedby Bihar during the last 4 years for FTCs are as under:

Financial Year	Funds allocated by the State Government (inRs. Cr.)	Funds released (inRs.Cr.)
2016-17	67.686	0
2017-18	67.0437	17.66
2018-19	67.686	18.50
2019-20	40.00	11.56
