



CHRI's Recommendations to the National Crime Records Bureau related to Crime in India (CII)

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This note provides recommendations to the NCRB towards improving the quality of the data published in Crime in India

A. General Recommendations:

1. **Demographic information:** Basic demographic information of every arrested person and persons in custody should be added to CII as follows: Age, Gender, Religion, Caste, Income, Domicile, and Education level.
2. **Deaths in custody:** The data on the numbers of deaths in police custody is provided **nationally (State and UT wise)** and also **police station wise**.
3. **"Others" columns:** Most of the tables in CII have an **'Others'** column, and in fact a substantial proportion of data in these tables is clubbed as "Others". These columns need to be disaggregated, or there should be a separate table detailing the reasons under the head "others". If these additions cannot be provided in the report, they should be available as an additional table, or in the data.gov portal, or the raw data can be put up on the NCRB website.

B. Recommendations on Existing Chapters:

Chapter 4: Disposal of cases by police and courts

- Police disposal data does not provide time taken to dispose. We strongly recommend that the average time taken to file a final report or charge-sheet is also reported.

Chapter 5: Crime against women

- Add specific crime heads as 'Murder with Rape', 'Acid attack' and 'Causing miscarriage without woman's consent'.

Chapter 12: Arrests and Trials

- Add (average) time taken to file chargesheet in data on disposal of persons arrested (IPC and SLL crimes)
- Add new tables in a sub-section to report the number of preventive arrests made
- Add demographics of arrested persons
- Add a new subsection on arrests made for offences up to 7 years, to include number of arrests made, number of arrests not made, and of the cases in which arrest not done, the number of cases in which notice of appearance was issued

Chapter 13: Custodial Crimes

- Reporting of action taken: specific information classified according to at least the previous year, if not the last 2-3 years on status of 1) departmental inquiry, 2) criminal investigation (FR and charge-sheeting), 3) acquittal and conviction
- More explanation of **reasons for** police custody deaths
- Report deaths in custody separately from disappearances

Chapter 16: Complaints Against Police Personnel and Human Rights Violations by them

- Break down and explain with grounds provided “cases found unsubstantiated/false”
- Provide the data on deaths in custody and human rights violations nationally and, police station wise

Data discontinued after 2013 which we feel should be brought back

- Bring back **state wise** data on:
 - Disposal of cases for crimes committed against children by police and court (State, UT wise)
 - Disposal, by police and court , of persons arrested for committing crime against children (State and UT wise)
 - Persons Arrested under IPC Crimes and Percentage Variation over Previous Year (State & UT-wise)
 - Disposal of Persons Arrested under IPC Crimes by Police and Court (State & UT-wise)
 - Disposal of Persons Arrested under SLL Crimes by Police and Court (State & UT- wise)
 - Incidence, Rate and Percentage Contribution to All India of Crimes Committed against Scheduled Tribes (State & UT -wise & Crime Head-wise)
 - Disposal of Cases for Crimes Committed against SCs and STs by Police and Court (State & UT- wise)
 - Disposal of Persons Arrested for Committing Crimes against SCs and STs by Police and Courts (State & UT-wise)

- **Chapter 17: Police Strength, Expenditure & Infrastructure has been discontinued entirely. Some of the data points which were here are covered by Data on Police Organisation (BPRD) but some are not which means they are not available in the public domain. Bring back data on:**
 - Number of police stations by volume of crime (state and UT wise)
 - Number of police stations by strength of personnel (state and UT wise)
 - Representation of Muslims in the police

C. Recommendations on entirely new areas:

1. **Preventive Arrests Data:** Add the number of preventive arrests made
2. **Section 166A, Indian Penal Code:** Considering the refusal to register complaints relating to sexual offences by police is now a punishable offence under Section 166A of the IPC, we strongly recommend that CII begins to publish the data on the number of FIRs registered under this Section, and the status of investigation.
3. **Recommendations of statutory Commissions and Police Complaints Authorities:** Bodies like the Police Complaints Authorities, and also the Commissions for Human Rights, Women, Minorities, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes have the mandate to receive and inquire into complaints against the police at both the central and state levels. It will be very valuable for CII to include the number of complaints against police personnel inquired into by each of these bodies, and the recommendations received.