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Seven SC/ST Women Raped Daily in Madhya Pradesh, Assembly Told

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Figures tabled in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly reveal that, on average, seven women belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) were raped every day between 2022 and 2024. The data, presented in response to a question by opposition MLA Arif Masood, highlights the persistent vulnerability of marginalized women in the state.

A total of 7,418 rape cases involving SC/ST women were registered during this two-year period. The statistics also recorded 558 murders of SC/ST women, 338 cases of gang rape, and 1,906 domestic violence complaints against women from these communities.

Beyond these figures, the state government reported 2,691 murder cases and 10,626 rape cases across all communities between December 15, 2023, and June 30, 2025.

Additionally, 7,812 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act were recorded, indicating an average of four murders, 18 rapes, and 13 drug-related cases daily during the current government's tenure.

The disturbing numbers prompted criticism from the opposition, with Congress leader Jitu Patwari questioning the effectiveness of government campaigns such as “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.” He called for the formation of a special task force, establishment of fast-track courts, and greater female representation in law enforcement.

In response to growing concerns, Director General of Police Kailash Makwana cited factors such as moral decay caused by mobile pornography, community neglect, and alcohol abuse as contributors to the rising trend of rape cases. He emphasized the need for a broader societal effort in addressing the issue, beyond mere law enforcement.