

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Overview of Complaints Registered in the Commission during April 2015 - March 2016

Sl. No.	Categories of Complaints	No. of Complaints Received
1	Adultery	33
2	Attempt to Rape	01
3	Bigamy	12
4	Deserted by Husband	05
5	Divorce	02
6	Domestic Violence/Matrimonial Disputes	165
7	Dowry Harassment	83
8	Dowry Death	01
9	Harassment at Workplace	01
10	Kidnapping	05
11	Maintenance	33
12	Molestation/Eve teasing	14
13	Police Apathy	01
14	Property (widow, parents, streedhan)	26
15	Rape	04
16	Rape at Promising Marriage	08
17	Seeking Shelter	06
18	Family Dispute	56
19	Unnatural Death	02
20	Witch Hunting	-
21	Miscellaneous	82
	Total :	540

The complaints received by the Commission during the period under report relate to various categories of crimes against women such as bigamy, marital discord, domestic violence, atrocities for dowry, desertion, rape, rape at promising marriage, bride killing, kidnapping/abduction, sexual harassment at workplace and deprivation of different rights, etc. The total no of complaints received by the commission from all parts of Tripura between April 2015 and March 2016 was 540. The domestic violence (family discord) remained as the largest category of crime committed against women in Tripura followed by dowry harassment during the period under report.

Overview of Complaints Registered in the Commission from divided Districts of Tripura during

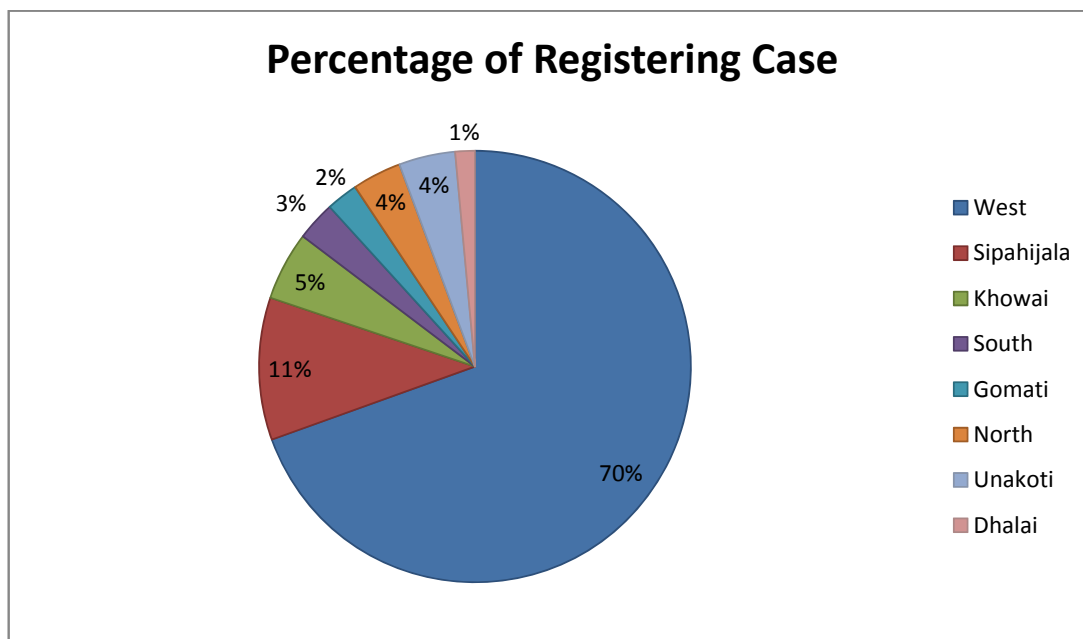
April 2015 - March 2016

Sl.	Category of complaint	West	Sipahijala	Khowai	South	Gomati	North	Unakoti	Dhalai	Total
1	Adultery	23	02	02	02	02	01	01	-	33
2	Attempt to Rape	01	-	-	-	-	02	03	-	01
3	Bigamy	06	01	-	-	-	02	03	-	12
4	Deserted by Husband	03	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	05
5	Divorce	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
6	Domestic Violence/Matrimonial Disputes	122	21	07	02	04	03	04	02	165
7	Dowry Harassment	50	11	03	02	04	05	08	-	83
8	Dowry Death	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
9	Harassment at Workplace	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
10	Kidnapping	03	01	-	-	-	-	-	01	05
11	Maintenance	18	07	02	01	-	03	01	01	33
12	Molestation/Eve teasing	08	03	-	-	-	02	01	-	14

13	Police Apathy	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01
14	Property (widow, parents, streedhan)	21	01	02	02	-	-	-	-	26
15	Rape	04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	04
16	Rape at Promising Marriage	04	01	01	-	-	01	-	01	08
17	Seeking Shelter	03	-	01	01	01	-	-	01	06
18	Family Dispute	48	02	01	02	02	-	-	01	06
19	Unnatural Death	01	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	02
20	Miscellaneous	59	08	04	04	-	03	03	01	82
Total :		378	58	24	16	13	20	23	08	540

Overview of Complaints Registered in the Commission from different Districts of Tripura during

April 2015 - March 2016



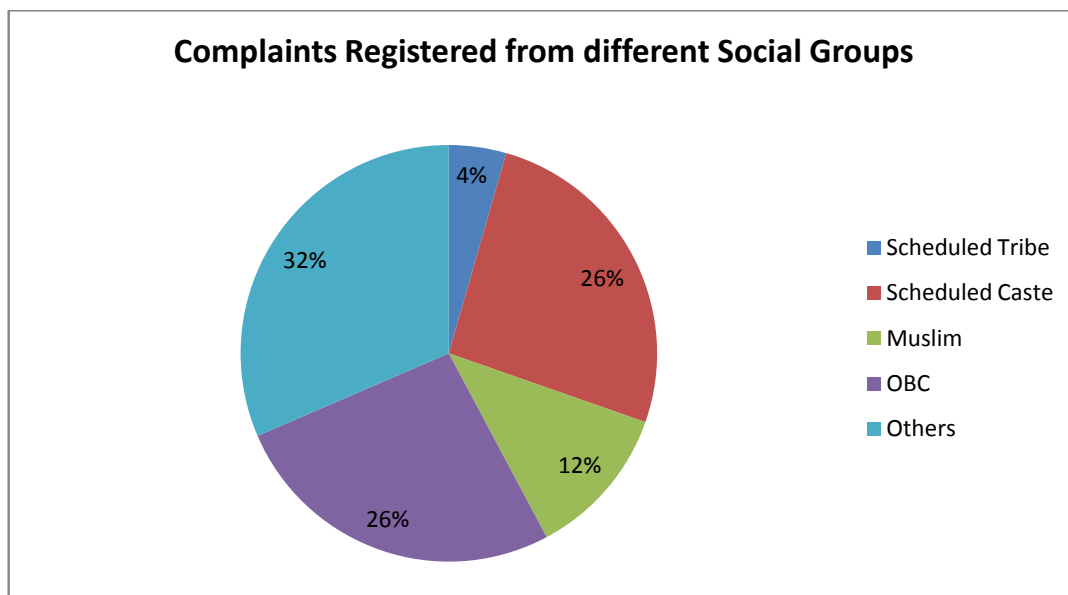
West- 70%; Sepahijala-10.74%; Khowai-5.18 % , South-2.96 % , Gomati-2.40 % , North-3.70 % , Unakoti-4.25 % , Dhalai-1.48 %.

According to the statement of complaints received by the Commission, crime rates are not uniformly high all over the State. The above mentioned Table which gives the rates of crime against women in Tripura disaggregated at the district level, shows that there were considerable variations in the crime rates across the different districts of Tripura. Largest proportion of complaints relate to crimes against women was received from West District of Tripura followed by Sepahijala District during the period under report. Lowest proportion of complaints regarding atrocities against women was received from Dhalai District during the year.

Overview of Complaints Registered in the Commission from different Social Groups of Tripura during April 2015 - March 2016

Sl. No.	Category of complaint	Scheduled Tribe	Scheduled Caste	Muslim	OBC	Others	Total
1	Adultery	04	10	03	10	06	33
2	Attempt to rape	-	-	01	-	-	01
3	Bigamy	-	03	04	04	01	12
4	Deserted by husband	01	02	01	-	01	05
5	Divorce	-	-	-	01	01	02
6	Domestic Violence/ Matrimonial Disputes	03	45	21	52	46	167
7	Dowry Harassment	-	21	15	23	24	83
8	Dowry death	-	01	-	-	-	01
9	Harassment at Workplace	-	-	-	-	01	01
10	Kidnapping	-	02	-	02	01	05
11	Maintenance	06	06	04	08	09	33
12	Molestation/Eve teasing	-	07	02	01	04	14
13	Police Apathy	-	-	01	-	-	01
14	Property(widow/parents/streedhan)	-	05	01	05	15	26

15	Rape	01	01	01	-	01	04
16	Rape at promising marriage	-	03	02	02	01	08
17	Seeking Shelter	-	01	01	-	03	05
18	Unnatural Death	-	01	-	-	01	02
19	Family Dispute	01	12	02	15	25	55
20	Miscellaneous	08	20	05	19	30	82
Total:		24	140	64	142	170	540



ST- 4.44%, SC-25.92%, RM-11.85%, OBC-26.29%, OTHERS-31.48%.

Complaints Received by the Commission from Areas under Police Stations of Eight Districts of Tripura during April 2015 - March 2016

Sl. No.	Police Station	No. of Complaints Received from PS Areas
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West Tripura District		
1.	Airport	19
2.	Amtali	60
3.	Bodhjongnagar	11
4.	Jirania	12
5.	Lefunga	10
6.	Mandai	01
7.	Radhapur	01
8.	Ranirbazar	19
9.	Sidhai	18
10.	West Agartala PS	-
11.	Women PS(West)	86
12.	East Agartala	-
13.	Women PS(East)	68
14.	Shreenagar	10
15.	AD Nagar	27
16.	New Capital Complex	13
	Total :	355
Sipahijala District		
1.	Bishalgarh	18
2.	Bishramganga	03
3.	Jatrapur	02
4.	Kalamchoura	08
5.	Melagarh	13
6.	Sonamura	10
7.	Takarjala	03

	Total :	57
Khowai District		
1.	Champahour	-
2.	Kalyanpur	01
3.	Khowai	08
4.	Mungiakami	-
5.	Teliamura	13
	Total :	22
Gomati District		
1.	Amarpur (Birganj)	-
2.	Kakraban	04
3.	Karbook	01
4.	Killa	-
5.	Natunbazar	02
6.	Ompi	-
7.	R.K.Pur	-
8.	Silachari	-
9.	Taidu	-
10	R K. Pur Women	15
	Total :	22
South Tripura District		
1.	Belonia	07
2.	Bikhora	03
3.	Manubazar	06
4.	P.R.Bari	02
5.	Sabroom	03

6.	Santirbazar	06
	Total :	27
North Tripura District		
1.	Churaibari	03
2.	Damcherra	03
3.	Dharmanagar	03
4.	Kadamtala	02
5.	Kanchanpur	03
6.	Khedacherra	-
7.	Panisagar	08
8.	Vangmun	-
9	Anandabazar	01
	Total :	23
Unakoti District		
1	Kailashahar	-
2	Kailasahar Women	08
3	Kumarghat	06
4	Pacharthal	03
5	Irani	05
	Total :	22
Dhalai District		
1.	Ambassa	04
2.	Chailengta	-
3.	Chawmanu	-
4.	Dhumachara	-
5.	Gandacherra	01

6.	Ganganagar	01
7.	Kachuchara	-
8.	Kamalpur	03
9.	Manikpur	-
10.	Manu	01
11.	Nepal Tilla	01
12.	Raishyabari	-
13	Salema	01
	Total :	12
Grand Total :		540

Out of the total number of complaints (540) received by the Commission regarding violence against women from places under different Police Stations (PS) of Tripura during the year under consideration, highest number of complaints was received from the areas under the PSs of West Tripura District (355). The number of complaints received from areas under the PSs was lowest in Dhalai District (12).

Complaints relating to disputes with neighbours, crisis and distrust in different relationships, claim for compensation, fraudulent act etc. were categorized as miscellaneous cases. During the period under report number of complaints received by the Commission under miscellaneous category was 82.

By analyzing the complaints received by the Commission and by enquiring some of the complaints, it was observed that in some cases very trifling family or marital disputes were brought before the Commission which could have been solved by themselves within the family.

It was also found that, in some cases, previous neighbourly disputes between families were acted upon and complaints were registered with the Commission by the estranged family in the name of its woman member against a male member of other family without any foundation.

Apart from that, as a result of massive awareness generation programme on legal rights of women organized by Tripura Commission for Women, State Legal Services Authority and some NGOs throughout the State, a large section of the women in Tripura were made courageous and aware about their rights and they, breaking all social barriers and stigmas, came out to lodge complaints with the Commission against any atrocities committed on them.

Because of the above mentioned factors, rate of reporting regarding crime against women either in the Commission or in the Police Stations seemed to be higher in Tripura than that of many states of our country.

Actions taken by the Commission to deal with Complaints Received and Registered in the Commission during 2015- 2016

Sl. no.	Categories of cases	No. of cases registered in the Commission	Action taken			
			Call	Reconciled	Letter to police/ concerned department	Miscellaneous
1	Adultery	33	30		02	01
2	Attempt to Rape	01	01	-	-	
3	Bigamy	12	11	-	-	01
4	Deserted by Husband	05	04	-	01	
5	Divorce	02	02	-	-	-
6	Domestic Violence /Matrimonial Disputes	165	160	02	-	3
7	Dowry Harassment	83	83	-	-	-
8	Dowry Death	01	-	-	01	-
9	Harassment at Workplace	01	-	-	01	-
10	Kidnapping	05	01	-	04	-
11	Maintenance	33	33	-	-	-
12	Molestation/ Eve teasing	14	04	-	10	-
13	Police Apathy	01	-	-	01	01
14	Property (widow, parents, streedhan)	26	26	-	-	-
15	Rape	04	-	-	02	02
16	Rape at Promising Marriage	08	04	-	03	01
17	Seeking Shelter	06	02	03	-	01
18	Dowry Death	01	-	-	01	-
19	Unnatural Death	02	-	-	02	-
20	Family Dispute	56	55	-	-	01
21	Miscellaneous	82	56	03	14	09

Total:	540	472	08	41	19
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Other Action taken by the Commission during the year 2015-16

Sl. No.	Other Action taken	No. of Cases
1	No. of Cases Investigated on Complaint lodged in the Commission	03
2	No. of Cases referred to State Legal Services Authority for providing Free Legal Aid to women	41
3	Cases referred to CDPO	03
4	Arranged Shelter for victim women and girl	19
5	Financial assistance provided to the victim for immediate relief	30

On receiving complaints the commission examines each and every complaint and tries to mitigate marital or family dispute in negotiation table through counseling. There is a pre-litigation counseling cell with three counselors in the TCW.

Steps taken by the Commission to tackle complaints during 2015-2016

The complaints were acted upon in the following manner:

1. Pre-Litigation Counseling

Complaints and Counseling Cell is the 'Core Wing' of the Commission. Indeed the major portion of the functions of the Commission as enumerated under Section 11 of The Tripura Commission for Women Act, 1993 is assigned to this Cell. During the year under report counseling were conducted both in the Office of the TCW at Agartala, the State capital, and in the Dak-Bungalows or Circuit Houses of different sub-Divisional towns of the State in order to facilitate counseling service of the Commission to the parties who were not able to appear before the Office of the Commission at Agartala.

Actions taken through Pre-Litigation Counseling Cell of the Commission during 2015-2016

Sl. No.	Actions through Pre-Litigation Counseling Cell of the Commission	Numbers
1.	Counseling Conducted by the Counseling Cell in the Commission	1304
2.	Counseling Conducted by the Counseling Cell at outside of the Commission	15
3.	Counseling Attended by Both Parties	374
4.	Cases Reconciled/ Amicably Settled	213
5.	Cases Advised for Legal Actions	143
6.	Drop-out Cases	127
7	No. of Cases Disposed of (4+5+6)	483

Note: Figure includes pending cases of previous years

The Counseling Cell is comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Members, Member Secretary of the Commission and three counselors of the Commission. Sometimes, it is required to investigate into specific problems or situation arising out of atrocities and discrimination against women and identify the constraints so as to recommend strategies for their removal. But, in some cases, disputes could not be reconciled through counseling due to non-cooperation of persons or parties, particularly the accused persons who did not appeared before the Commission even after receiving summons repeatedly from the Commission. Again, in some cases, where counseling needed again and again for ending of dispute, counseling could not be conducted or repeated due to absence of one party, particularly the accused party or person. However, the Complaints and Counseling Cell of the Commission processed the complaints received by it oral, written or suo-moto under section 11 of the Act of Tripura Commission for Women and efforts were made to reconcile family disputes through counseling.

Number of Pre-Litigation Counseling in Districts & Sub-division Head Quarters during 2015-2016

Sl. No	Date	Place of Counseling	No. of Cases Called for	No. of Counseling Attended	No. of Counseling Unattended by Both the	No. of Counseling Attended by Single	No. of Cases Reconciled	No. of Cases Advised for Legal
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			Counseling	by Both Parties	Parties	Party		Action
1.	17-11-15	Dharmanagar	08	-	05	03	01	02
2.	18-11-15	Kumarghat	07	02	05	-	02	-

The Tripura Commission for Women conducts counseling in other Sub-Divisions for the benefit of the women who were not able to come to Agartala due to various difficulties. Statement of table no. 2.8 shows date, place and number of counseling arranged by the Commission outside of the office of the Commission.

Apart from pre-litigation counseling the Commission undertook the following steps in order to deal with the complaints received by it:

2. Investigations by the police were expedited and monitored;
3. In the cases of serious crimes like rape, particularly rape of minor girls, dowry death, etc., enquiry committees, constituted by the Commission for specific purposes, made spot enquiries, examined various witnesses, and submitted the reports with observation and recommendations of the Commission to the Police. Such investigations helped in providing immediate relief to the victims of atrocities and violence. The implementation of the report was monitored by the TCW.
4. Depending upon the nature of the case, the commission took direct action or made interventions with the appropriate authorities and matters were brought to the notice of the concerned authorities of the State Government to facilitate action.
5. In the cases, where Commission's endeavour for reconciliation through counseling failed, the cases were referred to the State Legal Services Authority by the Commission for extending free legal help to aggrieved women;
6. In some critical cases, aggrieved women were facilitated to file court cases with full financial responsibility of the Commission. In such cases efficient lawyers were appointed by the commission;
7. The complaints received indicated the trend of crimes against women in the State and on the basis of that trend, systematic changes in programmes for tackling violence against women were made by the Commission.
8. The complaints were also used as case studies for sensitization programmes for police, medical officers, forensic scientists and other functionaries of state administration.
9. The complaints were analyzed to understand the gaps in functioning of different Departments of the Government and other Administrative functionaries in tackling violence against women and to suggest corrective measures.

10. Awareness Generation Programmes were conducted to aware women about their rights and for preventing crime against women.

Actions taken by the Commission to deal with Suo Moto Cases on viewing Newspapers/ News during April 2015- March 2016

Sl. no.	Category of cases	No. of cases registered in the Commission	Action taken										
			Letter to police after investigation	Letter to concerned Deptt. after investigation	Letter to police & concerned department after investigation	Only Investigation	Letter to police	Letter to concerned Deptt.	Letter to police & concerned Deptt.	Provided shelter/hostel	Financial assistance	Misc	
1.	Un-natural Death	115	33	1				81			20	30	
2.	Rape	87	15					72					
3.	Kidnapping	27						27					
4.	Gang-Rape	11	4					7					
5	Rape at Promising Marriage	8						8					
6	Molestation	44	1	2				41					
7	Dowry Death	3	1					2					
8	Burn	23	4					19					
9	Domestic Violence	58	7					51					
10	Trafficking	1						1					
11	Witch Hunting	4	1					3					

12	Misc	39	6	1			32				
Total :		420	72	4			344			20	30

Summary of actions taken by the Commission to deal with Suo Moto Cases during 2015- 2016

Total no. of Suo Moto cases registered:		
Sl.No.	Actions Taken	Total No. Cases
1	Only Investigation	-
2	Letter to police after investigation	72
3	Letter to police and concerned department after investigation	-
4	Letter to Concerned Department after investigation	-
5	Letter to police	344
6	Letter to concerned Department	4
7	Letter to Police and concerned Department	-
	Total	420

Investigation Programme of the Commission during the year 2015-2016

On viewing paper clipping about crime against women and on the basis of complaint registered in the Commission the Commission investigate the incidents and meet with the victim and relatives, neighbours and also eye-witness of the incident and records their statement throughout the state. The Commission also verify the FIR whether appropriate section of IPC or concerned Law has been inserted or not by the Police Officer. After investigation the report is transmitted to the appropriate authority for taking appropriate action to help the victim in getting proper justice.