

## CHAPTER-VII

### ACCIDENT, CRIME AND PRISON

#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### ACCIDENT

- The total number of accidental deaths increased from 126762 in 1967 to 340794 in 2007.
- The total number of traffic accidents increased quite substantially from 13306 in 1967 to 140560 in 2007.
- The rate of accidental deaths per lakh population increased from 25.4 in 1967 to 30.1 in 2007.
- In case of road accidental deaths by type of vehicles, the maximum number of deaths was on account of trucks/lorries followed by buses in the year 1995 and in 2007, the maximum number of deaths was on account of trucks/lorries followed by two-wheelers.
- The rate of suicides (deaths per lakh population) increased from 7.8 in 1967 to 10.8 in 2007.
- During the period 1995 to 2007, annually 69-73 % suicidal deaths were in the age group 15-44. While deaths in the age group 15-29 declined from 41% in 1995 to 35% in 2007, the deaths in the age group 30-44 increased marginally from 33% in 1995 to 34% in 2007.
- Throughout the period 1995 to 2007, the maximum number of suicide victims were self-employed persons. The deaths in this group accounted for 31-42%.
- In case of industrial injuries, the total incidence rate declined substantially from 29.21 in 1950

to 3.33 in 2003. In case of mines, the rate of fatal injuries declined from 0.77 in 1951 to 0.30 in 2005 and the rate of non-fatal injuries declined from 4.70 to 2.24 in the corresponding years.

##### CRIME

- Total cognizable crimes under IPC increased from 6.0 lakhs in 1953 to 19.9 lakhs in 2007.
- Juveniles delinquency IPC cases marginally increased from 21385 in 1968 to 22865 in 2007.
- Juveniles arrested under IPC, special and local laws declined almost by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> from 97685 in 1971 to 34527 in 2007.
- Total armed police strength increased from 1.48 lakh in 1969 to 3.29 lakh in 2007. Total civil police increased from 4.81 lakh in 1996 to 10.96 lakh in 2007.

##### PRISON

- Occupancy rate of jails increased from 116.8% in 1995 to 135.7% in 2007.
- The total jail inmates increased from 261731 in 1995 to 376396 in 2007. Out of 376396, convicts were 120115, undertrials were 250727, detenues were 4687 and the remaining 867 constituted 'others' category.
- The total female inmates accounted for 4.7% in 1995 which marginally declined to 4.1% in 2007.

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- In 2000, out of 272079 jail inmates, 99% were Indian nationals and 1% were foreign nationals. In 2007, out of 376396 jail inmates, 98.8% were Indian nationals and 1.2% were foreign nationals.
- Between 1998 and 2007, the composition of convicts, under-trial prisoners and detenues in terms of educational levels under went some changes as given below:

Category	Convicts (%)		Under-trial prisoners (%)		Detenues (%)	
	1998	2007	1998	2007	1998	2007
Illiterate	35.4	30.3	44.1	35.2	60.5	34.8
Below Class X	46.5	44.0	37.7	43.3	32.0	41.4
Above Class X but below graduation	14.5	17.1	14.8	15.9	6.4	17.2
Graduate	2.5	4.5	2.8	3.9	0.9	4.2
Post Graduate	0.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.1	1.2
Holding Technical Degree/Diploma	0.5	3.0	0.2	0.6	0.1	1.2

- The gross value of sale proceeds/earnings of prison inmates increased from Rs. 4380 lakh in 2000 to Rs. 6076 lakh in 2007.
- The total budget for prisons increased from Rs. 24334 lakh in 1995 to Rs. 162382 lakh in 2007.
- The total number of jail officers and staff increased from 22802 in 1995 to 49574 in 2007.