

## **Regarding safety and security of women in Maharashtra ?laid**

**SUSHRI PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE (SOLAPUR):** An atmosphere of insecurity has enveloped women in Maharashtra as the incidence of crimes against women is rising in the State. NCRB data coupled with the recent cases in Badlapur, Indapur, Uran, and other parts of the State point towards a grim reality. This data shows an increasing trend in crimes against women in recent years, highlighting the urgent need for effective measures to ensure their safety and security. To put it into perspective, Maharashtra witnessed a 15% increase in crimes against women from 39,526 cases in 2021 to 45,331 cases in 2022. It topped the list for cases of harassment of women and incitement to suicide with 927 cases in 2022. Mumbai reported the highest number of molestation cases among major metropolitan cities with 1859 cases. Moreover, kidnapping of women in Maharashtra rose from 9,297 in 2022 to 9,698 in 2023. Rape cases saw a 6.2% rise from 7084 in 2022 to 7521 in 2023. It is hence urgent that the Government prioritise the safety and interests of women. It needs to seriously reflect on its approach to curbing violence and atrocities against women, as greater accountability is expected.