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Highest sedition cases registered in K'taka in 2019, RS informed

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A total of 93 cases of sedition were registered across India in 2019, with Karnataka topping the list with 22 cases, the Ministry of Home Affairs informed Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

This was disclosed in a written reply by Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy.

As many as 96 people were arrested on charges of sedition in 2019 while only two persons, who were named in a single case, were convicted. A total of 29 people, named in 29 cases, were acquitted.

In Karnataka, 18 people were

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arrested in 22 cases while there was no conviction or acquittal in any of the cases that were in courts.

A total of 11 sedition cases were registered in Jammu and Kashmir where 16 people were arrested. As many as 10 sedition cases were filed in Uttar Pradesh in which nine people were arrested, he said.

Asked whether any step has been taken to strengthen the sedition law (Section 124A of the IPC), the minister said the "amendment of laws is an ongoing process."