

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1340**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026/ MAGHA 22, 1947 (SAKA)

FACILITIES AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

1340. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of observations in 251st Report of DRSC on Home Affairs recommending improved safety, hygiene and health facilities for women prisoners including separate toilets, bathrooms and availability of women doctors;

(b) current State-wise/UT-wise status of such facilities in women's prisons and women's wards of general prisons, including toilets, bathrooms and healthcare rooms vis-à-vis men;

(c) sanctioned strength, vacancies of women medical officers, counsellors, psychologists and other trained staff posted in prisons housing women inmates; and

(d) whether Government proposes to issue updated guidelines to States/UTs to upgrade sanitation, health services, menstrual hygiene facilities and grievance-redressal mechanisms for women prisoners?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)**

(a): The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has taken note of the observations made in the 251st Report of Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs recommending improved safety, hygiene and health facilities for women prisoners including separate toilets, bathrooms and availability of women doctors.

(b): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics reported to it by the States and Union Territories (UTs) and publishes the same in its annual publication “Prison Statistics India.” The latest published data is of the year 2023. Specific information in this regard is not maintained centrally.

(c): State/UT-wise actual strength of Women Jail Officers/Staff as on 31st December, 2023 are given in Annexure. Specific information with reference to the sanctioned strength and vacancies of women prison staff is not maintained separately.

(d): Sharing of guidelines with the States and Union Territories for efficient prison administration, including guidance on sanitation, health services, etc., is a continuous and ongoing process. MHA has been regularly issuing advisories to States and UTs on varied aspects of prison administration, including welfare of women inmates. A Model Prison Manual, 2016 was prepared and shared with all States and UTs which has a dedicated chapter on “Women Prisoners” which provides detailed guidance on sanitation, health services, menstrual hygiene facilities, grievance redressal mechanism, and other related welfare measures. MHA had also shared the

Report of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs with all States and UTs for compliance with the observations/recommendations made by the Committee. However, since “prisons/persons detained therein” is a State-List subject under Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for States and UTs to make use of the guidance provide to them for better prison administration.

State/UT-wise Actual Strength of Women Jail Officers/Staff as on 31st December, 2023

Sl. No	State/UT	Officers			Jail Cadre Staff			Correctional Staff		
		DG/Addl. DG/IG/Addl. IG /DIG/ Supdt.	Dy.SP/ Jailor/Dy. Jailor/Asst. Jailor/Asst. Supdt.	Other Officers	Head Warder / Head Matron	Warder & Matron	Other Jail Cadre Staff	Probation Officer/ Welfare Officer	Psycho- logist/ Psychia- trist	Social Worker & Others
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	11	1	18	52	0	0	0	0
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	2	1	4	15	0	0	0	0
3	ASSAM	1	6	0	7	81	6	0	0	4
4	BIHAR	4	38	0	23	749	33	45	0	18
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	17	0	14	103	15	1	0	10
6	GOA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
7	GUJARAT	1	2	0	35	81	0	0	0	0
8	HARYANA	1	10	1	50	67	17	0	0	0
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	1	1	10	23	0	0	0	0
10	JHARKHAND	1	1	1	0	73	0	1	0	0
11	KARNATAKA	4	61	0	85	760	0	0	0	0
12	KERALA	0	45	0	0	65	0	11	0	0
13	MADHYA PRADESH	6	25	0	0	901	0	2	1	13
14	MAHARASHTRA	3	52	0	68	544	7	0	0	6
15	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
16	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
17	MIZORAM	0	2	0	2	55	0	0	0	0
18	NAGALAND	0	2	0	5	66	0	0	0	1
19	ODISHA	4	30	9	21	227	0	5	0	7
20	PUNJAB	0	11	0	28	109	26	0	0	0
21	RAJASTHAN	2	19	0	36	531	0	0	0	0
22	SIKKIM	0	1	0	2	13	1	0	0	0
23	TAMIL NADU	6	42	40	82	223	0	21	8	1
24	TELANGANA	1	7	2	8	27	0	0	0	0
25	TRIPURA	0	1	0	1	12	0	0	0	0
26	UTTAR PRADESH	5	104	0	84	566	68	0	0	0
27	UTTARAKHAND	1	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0
28	WEST BENGAL	1	13	1	0	244	33	7	2	0
29	A & N ISLANDS	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
30	CHANDIGARH	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
31	DNH & DAMAN DIU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
32	DELHI	3	35	21	53	113	32	1	0	0
33	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1	0	0	1	30	0	1	0	1
34	LADAKH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	47	538	78	648	5781	238	95	11	61

State/UT-wise Actual Strength of Women Jail Officers/Staff as on 31st December, 2023

Sl. No.	State/UT	Medical Staff				Ministerial Staff		Others	Total
		Resident Medical Officer/ Medical Officer	Pharm-acists	Lab Techni-cian/Lab Attendant	Others	Officer	Non-Gazetted Staff		
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	7	4	0	9	4	57	14	177
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	33
3	ASSAM	0	0	1	6	1	4	1	118
4	BIHAR	16	2	0	5	5	22	8	968
5	CHHATTISGARH	1	9	1	0	1	7	0	179
6	GOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	GUJARAT	2	0	0	6	2	36	5	170
8	HARYANA	1	0	0	3	0	16	0	166
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	1	0	0	0	7	3	47
10	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	10	0	3	2	92
11	KARNATAKA	0	0	0	0	3	109	0	1022
12	KERALA	3	5	2	2	6	56	2	197
13	MADHYA PRADESH	1	14	0	22	0	22	29	1036
14	MAHARASHTRA	9	4	1	0	0	82	7	783
15	MANIPUR	4	2	0	6	0	9	19	53
16	MEGHALAYA	0	1	0	3	0	8	6	35
17	MIZORAM	0	1	0	5	0	1	1	67
18	NAGALAND	0	1	0	0	3	18	34	130
19	ODISHA	6	3	0	0	1	8	2	323
20	PUNJAB	1	1	0	1	3	39	0	219
21	RAJASTHAN	2	0	1	14	0	17	14	636
22	SIKKIM	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	24
23	TAMIL NADU	14	6	0	21	2	189	37	692
24	TELANGANA	2	1	0	1	0	19	70	138
25	TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
26	UTTAR PRADESH	3	0	0	3	3	72	68	976
27	UTTARAKHAND	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	20
28	WEST BENGAL	5	2	0	0	0	9	31	348
29	A & N ISLANDS	1	0	0	2	0	4	3	15
30	CHANDIGARH	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
31	DNH & DAMAN DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
32	DELHI	4	1	0	22	10	15	0	310
33	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2	1	1	4	0	1	0	43
34	LADAKH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
TOTAL		86	60	7	152	44	841	364	9051