

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1138.**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND NOVEMBER, 2016/ AGRAHAYANA 1, 1938
(SAKA)**

STAMPEDE CASES

**†1138. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several incidents of stampede have been reported at various places of worship/pilgrimage centres;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases reported, persons killed/injured and the action taken against the responsible persons, separately during each of the last three years and the current year, gender, location and State-wise;**
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the followup action taken thereon, State-wise;**
- (d) the financial assistance provided to the families of the victims of such stampede during the said period, State-wise;**
- (e) whether any Standard Operating Procedure/guidelines on crowd management and evacuation procedures has been framed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to provide training to police personnel on crowd management and evacuation procedures along with the details of advisories issued to the States and Police departments to prevent such incidents in future?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

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(a) to (c): Based on the available information, the details of the incidents of stampede in different parts of the country are provided at Annexure.

As per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, Public order and police are state subjects. The State Governments concerned are primarily responsible for security and maintenance of law & order in religious places. They are required to conduct inquiry into the incidents of stampede and to take appropriate action against the persons responsible for such incidents.

(d): The State Governments are also required to provide relief including financial assistance to the injured and families of the deceased in such incidents. In addition, Ex-gratia payment to the next of the kin of the deceased and those injured has been made from time to time from the Prime Minister's relief fund.

(e) & (f): The Government of India issues advisories to State Governments/UT administrations from time to time with regard to

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crowd management and to ensure security and safety of the people visiting such religious places. A detailed advisory was issued to all States/UTs on 01.10.2008 emphasizing the need to manage large gatherings and suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temples/shrines at a particular time; proper access control procedure/system at every entry/exit point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evaluation procedures' etc. Crowd control and management is part of basic police training for all ranks in the police force. The State Governments/UT Administrations are required to constantly upgrade training syllabus and methodology relating to crowd control and management.

Sl. No.	Date	Place of Stampede and State	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Cause of the stampede
2013					
1.	10 th February	Allahabad Railway Station, Allahabad(Uttar Pradesh)	37	43	Stampede took place due to overcrowding on the over bridge between two platforms.
2.	10 th March	Lodheshwar temple, PS Ramnagar, district Barabanki (Uttar Pradesh)	02	05	Stampede occurred due to heavy rush on the occasion of 'Mahashivratri'.
3.	4-5 th October	Tuljabhawani temple, PS Tuljapur, district Osmanabad (Maharashtra)	01	17	Stampede occurred when Police tried to control the pilgrims.
4.	13 th October	Ratangarh district Datia (Madhya Pradesh)	121	150	Stampede and drowning in river Sindh occurred following an alleged rumour about damage to the railing of a bridge.
2014					
1.	18 th January	Malabar Hills area, Mumbai (Maharashtra)	18	59	Stampede occurred due to rush of among followers who had assembled to pay last respects to Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, Head Priest of Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community.
2.	4 th February	PS Pratappur district Surajpur(Chhattisgarh)	08	01	Due to collapse of 'Bildwar Gufa' (Lord Shiva cave), many devotees were buried alive, of whom eight were found dead.
3.	4 th August	PS Singur, district Hooghly (West Bengal)	01	36	Stampede occurred while crossing the Railway gate at Kamarkundu by the pilgrims (devotees of Tarakeshwar Shiv Temple).
4.	25 th August	Chitrakoot area, district Satna(Madhya Pradesh)	10	10	Stampede occurred at Kamathgiri temple.
5.	3 rd October	Exhibition Road, district Patna (Bihar)	33	29	Stampede occurred among spectators of Dussehra celebration near Sir Ram Gulam Chowk while they were returning from Gandhi Maidan.
6.	3 rd October	Devaragattu village, PS Holagunda, district Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh)	01	42	Stampede occurred during traditional mock-fight on the occasion of 'Banni Festival' in Male Malleswaraswami temple.
7.	4 th October	Jagdulpur, district Bastar (Chhattisgarh)	01	01	Stampede occurred during Dussehra chariot pulling ceremony near Maa Danteswari temple.
2015					
1.	4 th April	Allahabad district, Sangam area, PS Daraganj (Uttar Pradesh)	00	08	Stampede occurred at Bade Hanuman Temple on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.
2.	14 th July	East Godavari district (Andhra Pradesh)	27	44	Stampede due to heavy rush to enter ghat of river on the occasion of Godavari Mahapushkaram.
3.	18 th July	Puri District, near Marichikot Square (Odisha)	02	06	Stampede occurred during pulling of chariot of Lord Balabhadra on the occasion of Jaganath Rath Yatra celebration.
4.	10 th August	Deoghar district, near Belabagan (Jharkhand)	10	30	Stampede occurred when people started trying to jump queue inorder to get closer to the Baidyanathdham temple
5.	18 th October	Deshopriya Park, PS Lake, Kolkata (W. B.)	00	22	Stampede occurred in Durga Puja pandal
2016					
1.	5 th May	Simhastha Kumbh, Ujjain	06	40	Due to uprooting of 'pandals' by thunderstorms and lightning stampede occurred.
2.	15 th October	Bana Jai Guru Dev near Malviya Bridge, PS Ram nagar, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	25	80	Stampede took place during a 'Shobha Yatra'.

