

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3327**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH DECEMBER, 2016/ AGRAHAYANA 15, 1938 (SAKA)

STAMPEDE CASES

3327. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several incidents of stampede have been reported from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured separately during each of the last three years and the current year, gender, area and State-wise including in Varanasi; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future and provide training to police personnel on crowd management along with the advisories issued to the States and police departments in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Based on the available information, the details of the incidents of stampede including persons killed and injured, in different parts of the country including in Varanasi are provided at Annexure.

(c) 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 maintenance of law and order in the places of high public

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gatherings and providing training to police personnel. However, the Central Government issues advisories to State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time with regard to crowd management and to ensure security and safety of the people visiting such 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, etc. at a particular time; proper access control procedure/system at every entry/exist 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.

ANNEXURE**Details of incidents of stampede during last three years and current year**

Sl. No.	Date	Place of Stampede and State	No. of Persons Killed	No. of Persons Injured	Cause of the stampede
2013					
1.	10th February	Allahabad Railway Station, Allahabad(Uttar Pradesh)	37	43	Stampede took place due to overcrowding on the over bridge between two platforms.
2.	10th March	Lodheshwar temple, PS Ramnagar, district Barabanki (Uttar Pradesh)	02	05	Stampede occurred due to heavy rush on the occasion of 'Mahashivratri'.
3.	4-5th October	Tuljabhawani temple, PS Tuljapur, district Osmanabad (Maharashtra)	01	17	Stampede occurred when Police tried to control the pilgrims.
4.	13th 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.	18th January	Malabar Hills area, Mumbai (Maharashtra)	18	59	Stampede occurred due to rush among followers who had assembled to pay last respects to Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, Head Priest of Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community.
2.	4th 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.	4th 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.	25th August	Chitrakoot area, district Satna(Madhya Pradesh)	10	10	Stampede occurred at Kamathgiri temple.
5.	3rd 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	3rd 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.	4th October	Jagdalpur, district Bastar (Chhattisgarh)	01	01	Stampede occurred during Dussehra chariot pulling ceremony near Maa Danteswari temple.
2015					
1.	4th April	Allahabad district, Sangam area, PS Daraganj (Uttar Pradesh)	00	08	Stampede occurred at Bade Hanuman Temple on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.
2.	14th July	East Godavari district (Andhra Pradesh)	27	44	Stampede occurred due to heavy rush to enter ghat of river on the occasion of Godavari Mahapushkaram.
3.	18th 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.	10th August	Deoghar district, near Belabagan (Jharkhand)	10	30	Stampede occurred when people started trying to jump queue in order to get closer to the Baidyanathdham temple
5.	18th October	Deshopriya Park, PS Lake, Kolkata (W. B.)	00	22	Stampede occurred in Durga Puja pandal
2016					
1.	5th May	Simhastha Kumbh, Ujjain	06	40	Incident occurred due to uprooting of 'pandals' by thunderstorms and lightning.
2.	9th September	Malad, Mumbai, Maharashtra	-	4	Stampede occurred during a recruitment drive in INS Hamla
3.	9th October	Kansiram Smarak Sthal Old Jail Road, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)	2	23	Stampede occurred during a rally of BSP
4.	15th October	Baba Jai Guru Dev near Malviya Bridge, PS Ram nagar, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	25	80	Stampede took place during a 'Shobha Yatra'.