

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *303**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08, AUGUST, 2017 / SHRAVANA 17, 1939 (SAKA)

OCCUPANCY RATE OF JAILS

***303. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and name of jails in the country where the occupancy rate is more than 200 per cent;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to urgently reduce overcrowding in these jails and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the average space in square metre available to an inmate inside prisons, both sanctioned and actual;

(d) whether the allocation of funds to the States for modernization of prisons has been stopped and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to allocate funds for this purpose in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARA (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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As per the National Crime Records Bureau, out of 1401 Jails in the country, 149 jails have an overcrowding rate of more than 200% as on 31.12.2015.

The details of such jails is at Annex.

In the Model Prison Manual 2016, the minimum accommodation space per prisoner in Sleeping Barracks suggested is 3.71 Sq. mtrs and 8.92 Sq. mtrs of ground area in Cells. No Central statistics are available on the actual space available to a prison inmate in different jails.

Prisons is a State subject. However, a Central scheme for modernization of prisons, with a financial outlay of Rs. 1800 crores, was launched in 2002. Under this scheme, 125 new jails were constructed and 1579 barracks were added to existing prisons. The scheme came to an end on 31.3.2009.

An advisory covering various measures to address the issue of overcrowding was also sent to all States and UTs on May 9, 2011 for their guidance. This was followed by advisories dated 17.1.2013 and 27.9.2014, and recent letter sent in March this year. These advisories are available on MHA's website.

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Further, with a view to addressing the problem of overcrowding in prisons, the Government of India has introduced the concept of plea bargaining through Section 265 of Cr PC and by insertion of a new Section viz. 436-A in Cr PC on the maximum period for which an under trial prisoner can be detained.

**Jail-wise and State/UT-wise name, total sanctioned capacity, total actual inmates and overcrowding
as on 31.12.2015**

| Sl. No. | Jail Type | Jail Name | Total Sanctioned Capacity | Total Inmates | Overcrowding Rate |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| ANDHRA PRADESH* | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Special Sub jail, Tirupathi | 120 | 261 | 217.5 |
| ASSAM | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Hailakandi | 58 | 125 | 215.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Abhayapuri | 50 | 131 | 262.0 |
| BIHAR | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | DJ Araria | 162 | 469 | 289.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | DJ Jamui | 188 | 378 | 201.1 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | DJ Madhepura | 99 | 295 | 298.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | DJ Nawda | 218 | 488 | 223.9 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | DJ Sitamarhi | 286 | 606 | 211.9 |
| | SUB JAIL | S.J. Barh | 167 | 347 | 207.8 |
| | SUB JAIL | S.J. Danapur | 87 | 182 | 209.2 |
| | SUB JAIL | S.J. Patna City | 37 | 97 | 262.2 |
| CHHATTISGARH | | | | | |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Raipur | 1190 | 3061 | 257.2 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Bilaspur | 1028 | 3167 | 308.1 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Ambikapur | 1015 | 2107 | 207.6 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Durg | 396 | 1871 | 472.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Mahasamund | 170 | 366 | 215.3 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Kanker | 165 | 434 | 263.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Dantewada | 150 | 547 | 364.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Raigarh | 225 | 594 | 264.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Korba | 110 | 257 | 233.6 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Janjgir | 70 | 185 | 264.3 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Rajnandgaon | 156 | 326 | 209.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Kabirdham | 50 | 153 | 306.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Sarangarh | 50 | 111 | 222.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Ramanujganj | 210 | 434 | 206.7 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Bemetara | 50 | 190 | 380.0 |
| CHHATTISGARH | | | 7552 | 17662 | 233.9 |

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| GUJARAT | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Navsari Sub Jail | 230 | 476 | 207.0 |
| HARYANA* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Sonapat | 363 | 1017 | 280.2 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Rewari | 30 | 127 | 423.3 |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH* | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Una | 28 | 60 | 214.3 |
| | OPEN JAIL | Dharmshala | 50 | 390 | 780.0 |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Anantnag | 70 | 160 | 228.6 |
| JHARKHAND | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Chaibasa | 321 | 1124 | 350.2 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Saraikela | 298 | 607 | 203.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Latehar | 166 | 460 | 277.1 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Gumla | 215 | 752 | 349.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Dist. Jail Garhwa | 198 | 453 | 228.8 |
| KARNATAKA* | | | | | |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail, Mysore | 506 | 1050 | 207.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Mangalore | 150 | 393 | 262.0 |
| KERALA* | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Aluva | 26 | 54 | 207.7 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Tirur | 17 | 48 | 282.4 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Vadakara | 13 | 52 | 400.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Koyilandy | 20 | 46 | 230.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Ernakulam | 28 | 66 | 235.7 |
| | SPECIAL JAIL | Special Sub Jail, Kottarakkara | 50 | 130 | 260.0 |
| | SPECIAL JAIL | Special Sub Jail, Kasargod | 28 | 67 | 239.3 |
| | SPECIAL JAIL | Special Sub Jail, Palakkad | 32 | 93 | 290.6 |
| | SPECIAL JAIL | Special Sub Jail, Vythiri | 22 | 46 | 209.1 |
| | SPECIAL JAIL | Special Sub Jail, Irinjalakkuda | 11 | 77 | 700.0 |
| MADHYA PRADESH | | | | | |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Indore | 1150 | 2301 | 200.1 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Rewa | 696 | 1436 | 206.3 |

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| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail Satna | 384 | 1378 | 358.9 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Khandwa | 168 | 563 | 335.1 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Shahdol | 220 | 570 | 259.1 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Seoni | 132 | 485 | 367.4 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Shivpuri | 135 | 340 | 251.9 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Khargone | 100 | 245 | 245.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Raisen | 100 | 212 | 212.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Baidhan | 70 | 372 | 531.4 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Harda | 90 | 201 | 223.3 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail Dindori | 50 | 124 | 248.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Begamganj | 40 | 91 | 227.5 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Waraseoni | 50 | 113 | 226.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Bagli | 50 | 112 | 224.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Jora | 50 | 104 | 208.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Ambah | 50 | 154 | 308.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Niwari | 50 | 141 | 282.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Beohari | 50 | 121 | 242.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Sujalpur | 50 | 115 | 230.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Lateri | 50 | 106 | 212.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Khurai | 90 | 192 | 213.3 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Barwaha | 50 | 102 | 204.0 |
| MAHARASHTRA* | | | | | |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Mumbai | 804 | 2692 | 334.8 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Thane | 1105 | 2711 | 245.3 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Aurangabad | 579 | 1209 | 208.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Kalyan | 540 | 1430 | 264.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Alibag | 82 | 190 | 231.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Buldhana | 101 | 217 | 214.9 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Beed | 161 | 328 | 203.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Nanded | 135 | 361 | 267.4 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Solapur | 141 | 349 | 247.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Ahemadnagar | 69 | 166 | 240.6 |
| | SUB JAIL | Gadhinglaj | 6 | 21 | 350.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Shrirampur | 12 | 25 | 208.3 |
| | SUB JAIL | Roha | 3 | 35 | 1166.7 |

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| MEGHALAYA* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Shillong | 150 | 391 | 260.7 |
| ODISHA | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Anguljail | 233 | 495 | 212.4 |
| | SUB JAIL | Boudh | 130 | 295 | 226.9 |
| | SUB JAIL | Baragarh | 81 | 166 | 204.9 |
| | SUB JAIL | Jajpur | 133 | 267 | 200.8 |
| | SUB JAIL | Jharsuguda | 86 | 255 | 296.5 |
| | SUB JAIL | Nuapada | 48 | 117 | 243.8 |
| PUNJAB | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Moga | 46 | 130 | 282.6 |
| RAJASTHAN* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | Rajasmand | 55 | 165 | 300.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Balotra | 28 | 63 | 225.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Nainwa | 10 | 22 | 220.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Salumber | 27 | 57 | 211.1 |
| TAMIL NADU* | | | | | |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Walaja | 19 | 43 | 226.3 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Kallakurichi | 18 | 46 | 255.6 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Tindivanam | 29 | 92 | 317.2 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Sathyamangalam | 16 | 200 | 1250.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail Mayiladuthurai | 24 | 68 | 283.3 |
| UTTAR PRADESH | | | | | |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | C.P. Agra | 1050 | 2169 | 206.6 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Agra | 1015 | 2119 | 208.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Firozabad | 720 | 1656 | 230.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Mainpuri | 498 | 1035 | 207.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Mathura | 554 | 1395 | 251.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J, Aligarh | 1088 | 2718 | 249.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Jhansi | 416 | 1038 | 249.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Lalitpur | 100 | 334 | 334.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Badaun | 529 | 1747 | 330.2 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Shahjahanpur | 511 | 1660 | 324.9 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Moradabad | 611 | 2998 | 490.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Etawah | 610 | 1415 | 232.0 |

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| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Bulandshaher | 890 | 2172 | 244.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Ghaziabad | 1704 | 3504 | 205.6 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Saharanpur | 533 | 1283 | 240.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Muzaffar Nagar | 870 | 2349 | 270.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Varanasi | 747 | 1610 | 215.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Jaunpur | 320 | 845 | 264.1 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Mirzapur | 332 | 968 | 291.6 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Gyanpurr | 114 | 352 | 308.8 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Banda | 567 | 1317 | 232.3 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Deoria | 533 | 1219 | 228.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Basti | 480 | 1073 | 223.5 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Sultanpur | 443 | 924 | 208.6 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Bahraich | 540 | 1386 | 256.7 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Azamgarh | 320 | 1057 | 330.3 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | D.J. Balia | 339 | 747 | 220.4 |
| UTTARAKHAND* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Dehradun | 580 | 1181 | 203.6 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Haldwani | 250 | 843 | 337.2 |
| WEST BENGAL* | | | | | |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Raiganj | 113 | 304 | 269.0 |
| | DISTRICT JAIL | District Jail, Malda | 272 | 727 | 267.3 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Islampore | 50 | 155 | 310.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Lalbagh | 50 | 159 | 318.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Kandi | 19 | 117 | 615.8 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Jangipur | 23 | 193 | 839.1 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Contai | 39 | 149 | 382.1 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Barrackpore | 160 | 331 | 206.9 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Bongaon | 90 | 594 | 660.0 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Basirhat | 59 | 397 | 672.9 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Ranaghat | 61 | 128 | 209.8 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Uluberia | 53 | 136 | 256.6 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Arambagh | 15 | 65 | 433.3 |
| | SUB JAIL | Sub Jail, Diamond Harbour | 62 | 137 | 221.0 |

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| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail No.1 | 565 | 2230 | 394.7 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail No.3 | 740 | 2361 | 319.1 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail No.4 | 740 | 2722 | 367.8 |
| | CENTRAL JAIL | Central Jail No.7 | 350 | 871 | 248.9 |
| DELHI | | | 6250 | 14251 | 228.0 |

In a total of 149 Jails overcrowding was more than 200%.

