TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH JULY, 2017 / ASHADHA 27, 1939 (SAKA)

CUSTODIAL DEATHS

245.   SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether custodial deaths in different jails in the country have increased in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the jails in the country are overcrowded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jails likely to be created by the Government during the year 2017-18?

 ANSWER

 MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
 (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b) National Crime Records Bureau has collected data from Prison Departments of State/UTs. State/UT-wise total deaths of inmates, natural deaths and unnatural deaths in jails during 2013-2015 is enclosed as Annexure-I. The data does not show any clear trend.

(c) & (d) As per data received from States/UTs, occupancy rate of 114.4% (a total of 4,19,623 inmates against sanctioned strength of 3,66,781 inmates) was reported as on 31.12.2015.

(e) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The administration and management of prisons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

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Statement showing the information in respect of part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.245 due for answer on 18-07-2017

State/UT-wise total deaths of Inmates natural deaths & unnatural deaths in prisons during 2013-2015

Sl. No.	State/UT	2013			2014			2015		
		Natural Deaths	Unnatural Death	Total (Col.3+4)	Natural Deaths	Unnatural Death	Total (Col.6+7)	Natural Deaths	Unnatural Death	Total (Col.9+10)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	99	1	100	49	3	52	35	6	41
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3	ASSAM	22	5	27	24	1	25	28	2	30
4	BIHAR	83	3	86	96	6	102	83	1	84
5	CHHATTISGARH	60	4	64	43	3	46	50	0	50
6	GOA	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1
7	GUJARAT	26	5	31	16	4	20	24	2	26
8	HARYANA	39	9	48	32	10	42	44	2	46
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3	0	3	3	1	4	5	2	7
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	3	2	5	4	2	6	2	0	2
11	JHARKHAND	48	3	51	57	3	60	37	5	42
12	KARNATAKA	73	4	77	78	15	93	65	11	76
13	KERALA	51	3	54	42	5	47	41	2	43
14	MADHYA PRADESH	102	9	111	122	6	128	131	4	135
15	MAHARASHTRA	85	4	89	96	6	102	107	7	114
16	MANIPUR	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	4
17	MEGHALAYA	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	5
18	MIZORAM	1	0	1	2	1	3	2	0	2
19	NAGALAND	1	0	1	6	1	7	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	44	2	46	43	44	87	43	2	45
21	PUNJAB	160	9	169	218	12	230	173	5	178
22	RAJASTHAN	53	11	64	33	12	45	56	2	58
23	SIKKIM	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	64	10	74	51	5	56	63	6	69
25	TELANGANA	0	0	0	52	0	52	33	0	33
25	TRIPURA	1	0	1	7	0	7	1	1	2
26	UTTAR PRADESH	340	18	358	298	23	321	302	21	323
27	UTTARAKHAND	6	0	6	15	2	17	14	2	16
28	WEST BENGAL	85	5	90	82	21	103	86	12	98
	TOTAL (STATES)	1453	107	1560	1475	186	1661	1434	97	1531
29	A & N ISLANDS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3
30	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	4
31	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	DELHI	28	8	36	31	9	40	30	15	45
34	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL (UTs)	29	8	37	32	9	41	35	18	53
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	1482	115	1597	1507	195	1702	1469	115	1584